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in the darkness of the night;
guide my feet when pitfalls threaten,
lead me onward toward the light.
When the world is too much with me,
and I fear the coming day,
I can turn to CHRIST WITHIN me,
knowing He will find a way.
When there are no words to tell Him
when there's nothing left but tears,
He alone can still my trembling,
lift my heart, erase my fears.

ONLY GOD can read the meaning
hidden in each thought and act;
ONLY GOD can take our dreaming,
touch with faith and make it fact!"

by
Winifred Brand

Sent by Dorothy Bickford Copy of poem from Marie Morton
use if seems appropriate.

May 29, 1965

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Forest Avenue fifth month, twenty-ninth day, 1965.

Opening: Reading of Psalm 90.

Roll Call:

Durham - David Wetherell
Deane and Lydia Rollins
Harold Booker
Ruth Graham

Forest Avenue - Frances York
Ira Wine

Oak Street - Oline B. Tapley
Vivian L. Gill

Windham - Edith Libby

All named representatives were present.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved with clarification of collection from Windham Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, June 22, 1965 at 2:00 P. M.:

Ira M. Wine
Frances P. York
David Wetherell
George R. Hutchinson

Interim Committee:
Oline B. Tapley
Ira M. Wine

A letter from Kathryn Forbes, Recording Clerk of Windham Friends Church, stating the approval by both Windham Monthly Meeting and Ministry and Counsel of Windham Friends of the request of Earl K. Spreatland to be recorded as a Friends minister was read.

A committee was appointed to appraise the general fitness of the individual under consideration and to report at the next session of Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. This committee includes

Albert R. Moore
David Wetherell
Ira M. Wine

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A visitor, Edwin Kinshaw, was welcomed.

Monthly Meeting Reports:

Durham - One or two members of Ministry and Counsel or of the Youth Groups are asked to sit on the facing seats.

Five young people are contemplating becoming members.

Four or five took part in march in Brunswick.

"The Upper Room" is sent to young families. A Friends pamphlet is also inserted.

The Prayer and Study Groups still meets. "Man's Need and God's Action" by Reuel L. Howe is being studied.

Four or five young people have asked to serve on committees. The future of our meeting depends on training of our young people.

Forest Avenue - Silent worship is first part of the service and this is followed by discussion. Two attended

the meeting on Moral Responsibility at Cambridge. Several Sundays were devoted to discussion as an outcome of this.

Four attended the meeting of New England Friends Women at Oak Street.

Virginia Phillips gave a vivid report of the Woolman Hill Conference.

Frances York visited Beacon Hill House and gave a detailed description of this.

Eight or ten attenders took part in the march, memorial to the Rev. James Reeb.

Oak Street - Was very happy to have Women's Meeting in March - very inspirational and worth-while. Still working on American Friends Service Committee projects.

Family Night was held a week before Easter when a few outside people as well as regular attenders were present.

The Sunday School is small due to few children in attendance.

Windham. It was a very pleasant occasion when nineteen new members, including a real old lady, were accepted. The spiritual condition is very good. Thirty-five or forty attend Sunday School and there is a good choir. Earl Sweatland is doing a wonderful job. His wife is a great help.

Quaker Ridge Meeting in Casco, Maine will be held the Third Sunday in July.

As to the Woolman Hill Conference, Virginia Phillips stated that it was a wonderful time for inspiration.

This meeting adjourned purposing to meet at Durham eighth month, twenty-eighth day, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian M. Woodbury,
Clerk

August 28, 1965

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Durham eighth month, twenty-eighth day, 1965.

Opening: Lelia Taylor read from the book of James, which has been called the New Testament Book of Proverbs, and gave new insight into this selection.

Roll Call: Durham -
Ruth Graham
Alice Goddard
Harold Booker
Forest Avenue -
Glenice Hutchins
Ira Wine
Oak Street -
George R. Hutchinson
Dorothy Page
Windham -
Marian Cromwell

All named representatives were present.

The minutes of the previous

meeting were read and approved.

Since the committee to interview Earle K. Smallland was reduced through death, it would seem proper to reconstitute this committee by naming Peter P Jenkins to replace Albert R. Moore and adding the names of George K. Hutchinson and Clifton Reeve with Peter P Jenkins as convener. This committee will report at the next session of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The visitors recognized and welcomed were:
Lelia Taylor of Fairfield Meeting
Melvin Reeve of Germantown Pa.
Meeting

Monthly Meeting Reports:
Durham-

Five were accepted into active membership - three from junior membership and two directly. The enrollment at Vacation Bible School

was ninety-one. There was a very good exhibit at the closing. A number of teachers helped. Helen and Beth Kiser were a tremendous help on the work as well as filling in during the months of July and August and in visitation.

The American Friends Service Committee, as its project in Brunswick, started to improve the Town Common and build a playground. Our young people were interested in this.

Forest Avenue -

During the summer the Revised Discipline has been studied. Several are away.

The Sunday School is grouped, one family taking part each Sunday and directed by Frances York.

Inspiring reports were brought back by those who attended Yearly Meeting.

Oak Street -

Children's Day was a friend in

June and there was a very good program

This Meeting is closed during the summer. It still has life and still has hope after the loss of five members and also major repair problems.

Windham-

Most of our members have attended and supported Meeting for many years. Very glad to have them accepted in the actual sense.

All named representatives to Yearly Meeting were in attendance.

A large group of small children attended regularly and participated in the Junior Yearly Meeting program Saturday night. Frances York reported.

There is a painful discrepancy between social concerns and what God wills. We should obey God's voice and take our stand. A concern should be tested by sense

of the meeting. We should practise presence of God so that we may have it in our mind. - Ora M. Haines report.

Famous Painter at Sunday morning worship - Early Quakers spoke to work-a-day world. Now there are intellectual meetings not so much a concern for man on the street. There must be a way to prison not only those with bars. Bring a different understanding as to what life is all about.

- Celia Taylor's contribution.

Marge Gutekunst spoke of the inspirational setting of a meeting. Typically Quaker. Held recently at the Cathedral of the Pines.

This Meeting adjourns purposing to meet at Windham October 30, 1965.

Respectfully submitted
Vivian M. Woodbury
Clerk

October 30, 1965

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Windham tenth month, thirtieth day, 1965.

Opening: The selection from Matthew 7:27 to end of chapter and My Answer by Billy Graham were read by Jennie Booker.

Roll Call: Durham -
Deane and Lydia Rollins
Ruth Graham
Harold and Jennie Booker
David Wetherell } not present
Alice Goddard }

Forest Avenue -
Frances York
Donna Aldrich

Oak Street (Falmouth Monthly Meeting) -
Oline B. Tapley
George K. Hutchinson

Windham -
Marian Cranmer
Edith Libby

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were appointed as the committee to name a clerk of this Ministry and Council:
Marian Cartland
Ruth Graham
Olive B. Tapley

George R Hutchinson was asked by Peter P Jonitis to report on the committee to interview Earl K. Smallland: As some reservations were expressed, it is recommended that recording be postponed for one year." This report was read and with much thoughtful consideration and a thorough search for sense of the meeting, was finally approved as read.

Monthly Meeting Reports:
Durham - The Prayer and Study

Groups has continued except for five consecutive Monday evenings in the fall during the Religious Seminar in Brunswick which four of our members attended.

Beth Keiser read two or three children's stories in the morning worships during the summer. This idea deemed advisable to continue

Forest Avenue - We have started a new program. Eight different families lead during the first half hour of the Sunday service. The programs are varied and the children are anxious to participate. The spiritual uplift of family groups is evident. The care of small children is supervised by the family participating. There are many good aspects.

Oak Street (Falmouth Monthly Meeting) - This Meeting is studying the life of Jesus.
Cornelia Edwards has charge of kindergarten.

A very fine Family Night program and supper were furnished by Falmouth Monthly Meeting. Warmth and fellowship were evident and love was felt.
The clerk is missed greatly and a fitting memorial to Albert R. Moore has been prepared.
Earl and Marjorie Sweatland contribute much to this Meeting. They are staying on, praying for guidance and willing to do their part.

Windham - There is a very good congregation. This Meeting too appreciates the work of the Sweatlands.
Edith Libby - has been active in the work of the church for over fifty years.
The Sunday School with a very good program began the first of October.
There is a vested choir. The last Sunday in each month a collection is taken for a very worthy cause.

Concerns;

Ora M. Kline, a member of Peace and Social Concerns, had a concern about our involvement in the war and mentioned the Handbook for Directors which recommends and encourages the stand of young people.

Also was mentioned another booklet - on China. Try to understand this country and what the young people are going through.

In the Saturday Review (this week's issue) Elliot White's report of Mekong River Valley was cited by Donna Aldrich. All can work together on this.

This Meeting adjourns purposing to meet at Oak Street first month, twenty-ninth day, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,
Mildred M. Woodbury,
Clerk

January 29, 1966

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Oak Street first month, twenty-ninth day, 1966.

Opening: Bible Selection Reading

Roll Call:

Those named as representatives to this Meeting are as follows:

Durham -
- Deane and Lydia Rollins (not present)
- Harold and Jennie Booker
- David Wetherell (not present)
- Robert White

Forest Avenue -
- Stanley Aldrich
- Virginia Phillips

Oak Street (Falmouth Monthly Meeting)
- Bessie L. Richardson
- George R. Hutchinson

Windham -
- Mariani Craigmile
- Edith Libby

Visitors welcomed:
Edwin Hinshaw
Ernest H. Reed
William Mackenson
Ruth Mackenson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and with three corrections were approved. The name of a representative had not been included, eight and not six families had participated in the Forest Avenue Sunday Service and not forty-eight but over fifty - the number of years one person had been active in the church

The report of the committee naming Vivian M. Woodbury Clerk for the ensuing year met with approval.

The Memorial to Albert R. Moore was approved as read.

Edith Libby brought to our attention the work of a Friends pastor, Bertha White.

Monthly Meeting Reports:

Durham - The Prayer and Study Group continues but few attend. One new member has been accepted. The Prayer Vigil was observed. Young men of this Meeting have been counseled as to their stand on war. Adults are concerned about participation in worship - the quiet period.

Forest Avenue - The new family centered program is proving extremely successful and very interesting. The study of a different personality is carried on each first day morning. The study of John Woolman has been completed and now starts that of Elizabeth Frye. Beginning in February once a month, an adult discussion is being planned. Enrollment has dropped, one member being lost by transfer to another meeting. Increased attendance, none the less, is evident. Four members participated in March on Washington

November 27. Over the last year there seems to be more spiritual growth.

Oak Street (Falmouth Monthly Meeting)

This Meeting continues in its regular way with a few less each year. The Sunday School is small but there are fine morning services and family get-togethers. All in all, a wonderful, inspiring little group carries on as usual.

A question was asked by Ernest Reed: "Do members participate?" The answer apparently was: pastoral service.

Windham-

Meetings are held regularly with about forty in attendance and an average of about thirty in Sunday School. The singing of the rested choir is enjoyed. One hundred and fifty people were fed at a public supper which was greatly enjoyed by all. The Friendly Helpers have

partly furnished new tables and chairs. The spirit of the church is good and the Greatlands are so friendly and cordial. The community outreach is increasing and filling a need. This is all appreciated. The present Sunday School Superintendent is a birthright member. Family groups are helpful and regular attenders. This shows active participation and is certainly welcomed by this Meeting.

Concerns: Money and Membership

This Meeting adjourns purposing to meet at East Parsonsfield, fifth month, twenty-eighth day, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian M. Woodbury,
Clerk

May 28, 1966

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at East Parsonsfield fifth month, twenty-eighth day, 1966.

Opening: A silent period and reading of Psalm 24.

Roll Call: Durham -
Harold and Jennie Booker
Lucy and Ruth Graham
(not present)
Nellie Woodbury
Deane and Lydia Rollins
(not present)
David Wetherell

Forest Avenue -
Frances York

Oak Street (Falmouth Monthly Meeting)
George R. Hutchinson
Vivian K. Hill

Windham - No representatives present.

The minutes of the previous meet-

ing were read and with one correction were approved. The name should have been William and not Wallace Mackenzie.

Representatives to Year England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel:

Peter P. Jonitis
Ira M. Wine
George R. Hutchinson
Virginia Phillips
Earl K. Sweatland

Appointed to Interim Committee:

George R. Hutchinson
Harold Booker

Monthly Meeting Reports:

Durham -

The Prayer and Study Group still continues but with few attending.

One member attended the Wool-

man Hill Conference March 13-15.

The Prayer Vigil on the evening preceding the voting on the Referendum Liquor Bill was observed. One member attended a similar service in Lisbon Falls.

This Meeting participated in the Pulpit Exchange.

One new adult member, and later a birthright member were accepted.

The Youth Group each month attends the service of a different denomination with David Nethercott as leader.

A concern was voiced for contact with parents of children who attend our Sunday School. This outreach in the form of a pamphlet as a conversation topic and that is our duty in helping our minister.

Forest Avenue -

The family type program is continued and is successful. The

life of Elizabeth Frye by Janet Whitney is being studied. This group is planning to visit a Quaker jail in Nantucket Sunday, May 29— similar to that visited by Elizabeth Frye.

A representative attended the Woolman Hill Conference, the Conference of New England Friends Women at Wellesley and the Beacon Hill House Conference on Meeting and Ministry was also attended.

Oak Street — One age group.
Two representatives attended the Beacon Hill House Conference.

Visitors welcomed including Arlene Nasty. There is a large membership of 43 These should be contacted by letter. A committee was named to cooperate with the local clerk to write a letter ascertaining the needs of this East Parsonsfield Meeting.
The committee: George Hutchinson Virginia Phillips.

This Meeting adjourns purposing to meet at Durham the last Saturday in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian M. Woodbury,
Clerk

August 27, 1966

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Durham eighth month, twenty-seventh day, 1966.

Opening: A silent period and reading of Psalm 20.

Roll Call:

Durham - Ruth Graham
Mary Williams
Harold Booker
Alice Goddard
Diane Rollins

Forest Avenue -
Stanley Aldrich
(Reason for absence death of his wife's father)
Frances York

Oak Street -
Viman L. Hill
George Hutchinson

Windham - Edith G. Libby

Sandwich -
Warren D. Spaulding (not present)
and Tatum

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction in name - Whitney and not White.

Monthly Meeting Reports:
Durham -
The Prayer and Study Groups has resumed after a short vacation. No Time But This Present is being studied.

Vacation Bible School was carried on the first week in August with an enrollment of about forty-seven and an average attendance of thirty-five to forty.

Nine of our members attended the sessions of Friends United Meeting which was inspiring and helpful. One member served on the nominating committee.

The newsletter is sent out enabling closer contact with the members.

The Durham Peace and Social Concerns Committee sponsored the Peace Caravan Group. They visited with Upward Bound at Bowdoin College.

Forest Avenue -

The family type program was discontinued during the summer. One highlight was entertaining with Oak Street four members of the Peace Caravan. They appeared on television and also at The Gate where they drew a very large crowd.

Two guests from England, one a Birmingham Quaker, were

also entertained adding interest to the group.

Oak Street

This Meeting has been closed during the summer but will resume services the first Sunday after Labor Day. Several members attended an interesting service at Forest Avenue when the Peace Caravan and English guests were present.

Windham

This Meeting is going on very nicely with good spirit in evidence. Mrs. Sweatland has preached very good sermons.

Children's Day and other special days have been observed. The Maine Quaker Youth Fellowship was very much enjoyed.

Sandwich

David Tatigni reported: One member is a resident the year round and

five members are summer residents. Thirty came the first Sunday and twenty, the second. Today is closing session for summer. Dorothea Leonard has led the meetings in a very satisfactory way. A feeling of encouragement is now present.

East Parsonsfield-

There have been meetings six times during the summer with an average of ten local residents. Interest has been shown to continue through September and beyond- David Wetherell reported.

It was suggested to lay down the committee named at the May meeting and the clerk with the help of David Wetherell write a letter of encouragement to East Parsonsfield. This suggestion was approved.

A committee was appointed

to name a clerk for the ensuing year:

Peter Jonitis
Marian Cartland
Louis Marstaller

We welcome the Tatums, David and Baldura from the Sandwich Meeting and Carolyn Roberts, a visitor from South Portland.

After a discussion it was approved that the concern pertaining to the responsibility of sojourning members in the meeting where they currently attend be brought before the Yearly Meeting Interim Committee of Ministry and Counsel in November.

After a short pause for meditation this Meeting adjourns purposing to meet at Windham the last Saturday in October.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian M. Woodbury.
Clerk

October 29, 1966

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Windham tenth month, twenty-ninth day, 1966.

Opening: A period of silence, reading of a poem "The Reason Why" and Psalm 95.

Roll Call:

Durham - Degna Rollins } not present
Lydia Rollins }
Alice Goddard }
Harold Booker
Jennie Booker
Lucy Graham
Ruth Graham

Forest Avenue - Ira Kane
Stanley Aldrich

Oak Street - Oline Tapley
Vivian L. Hill

Windham - Marian Cummings
Edith Libby

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Visitors welcomed: Carolyn Roberts, an attender at Forest Avenue Meeting. Edwin Neuhaus and William Mackenzie, a sojourning friend who presently attends Forest Avenue Meeting.

Monthly Meeting Reports:

Durham - Rally Day was observed, starting our year with anticipated greater attendance in the Sunday School. The Youth Group with our leadership has started up after a lull in the summer.

Forest Avenue - A great delight is found in meeting on Sunday morning. A study is being made of the Gospel according to Peanuts the author being a member of the Disciples of Christ. True meaning is found in the Good News.

It is the desire of the youth

to institute a Family Night or Afternoon. Attenders are welcomed. Membership should be kept active; therefore contact is being made to carry out this purpose.

Oak Street-

Services were resumed the second Sunday in September.

The fellowship involved in the recent projects has been found valuable. There is joy in the heart after these accomplishments!

Earl Greatland gave a fine memorial to Jane Hankey who still abides in spirit if not in body.

A young member, Mary Lou Hutchinson, gave a most inspiring lecture and showed pictures of Greece.

Perhaps a campaign should be started to recruit young people for the Sunday School which is now small.

Earl and Marjorie Greatland are doing just all they can.

Windham -

Sunday worship continues. Many Outside visitors are welcomed in the summer. Casco Ridge was visited. Activity will start in the fall.

Report of the committee to name a clerk:

Frances P. York, Clerk
Vivian L. Hall, Recording Clerk

This was approved.

It was reported that the letter of encouragement to East Parsonsfield was sent out

Edna Winslow reported first that he had available copies of Friends, a youth magazine and also several good books.

Second, he has begun a card file. There are the young people, of grade seven through college level, in each meeting.

These should be on a mailing

list. On each card is a space for the name, address and birth-year.

After a pause for meditation this meeting adjourns purposing to meet at Oak Street the last Saturday in January.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian M. Woodbury,
Clerk

1967 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Oak Street, 1st month 28th, 1967
Following a period of silent worship, the clerk read four solid rules for happiness: Work, play, love and religion which should include church attendance, prayer and daily Bible reading.

Roll call of local meeting representatives:

Durham Ruth Graham
Lucy Graham
Alice Goddard
Beatrice Douglas
Vivian Woodbury

Forest Ave. Marion Cartland
Stanley Aldrich
Falmouth Dorothy Page
Vivian Hill

There was no representative from Windham East Parsonsfield or Sandwich In spite of bad storm conditions there was eleven present
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after one correction had been made regarding the Windham report that summer visitors are welcome

Next of the County reports:

Durham:

A prayer and study group is being held - now studying "No Time but This Present" A youth group visited Cambridge young friends (Friends) for a week end in December

Falmouth:

Six Friends we are well represented in community and religious groups in the city and much has been done for the needy both here in Portland and through the American Friends Service Committee Forest Ave reports that during the half hour silent worship period Donna Aldrich has a study group of Junior High School girls. One girl is attending the "Meeting School" at Rindge and two are attending college. This meeting is also

studying "No Time but This Present"

There were no concerns expressed so the Meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Forest Ave. on fifth month, 27th.

Vivian Hall, Recording Clerk

5 mo. 27th, 1967 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held at Forest Ave. 5th month 27th 1967

In the absence of the clerk, Frances P. York, the recording clerk opened the meeting with a message from Frances York and the words "I am in tune with Infinite Mind, I am open and receptive to Divine Ideas" - this was repeated in unison and followed by a period of silent worship

Roll call of Representatives

Durham: Vivian Woodbury, Ruth Graham, Eileen Babcock

Falmouth: Olive B Tapley 2nd, George R. Hutchinson

Forest Ave: Stanley Aldrich, Ina Wine, Wm. Mackenson

Windham: Marian Crommie Present

No representatives from Sandwich or Parsonsfield

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Under unfinished business the subject of recognizing Earl K Swealland as a minister in the Society of Friends was again brought to attention and a new committee was appointed: David Wetherell (convener), Frances P. York, Dorothy Page, W. Clifton Reeves and Olive B Tapley.

. Said committee to report at the next Quarterly Meeting 8-5-67

A memorial to Moses Melvin Bailey was presented by Falmouth Monthly Meeting, approved and sent to the Quarterly Meeting this afternoon.

A letter was presented from Elmer H. Brown, clerk of Ministry and Counsel of Cambridge Meeting, with information from the Interim Committee of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel – this session to be held at 4 P.M. on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 22 (the) which all members of local Meetings of Ministry and Counsel are encouraged to attend and to which they should bring questions or problems of local meetings of Ministry and Counsel for further consideration by the entire group.

Appointed to the Interim Committee of Ministry and Counsel: Harold Booker and George P. Hutchinson

Appointed representatives from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel to New England Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel: Harold Booker, Vivian Hill, Ira Wine and Marion Crowell.

Monthly Meeting reports:

Durham: Durham The prayer and study group is still meeting and at present is considering several participants in the Peace Vigil held in Brunswick each Sunday afternoon.

Falmouth: Falmouth reports a feeling of strength and fellowship

resulting from the Prayer vigil - a twenty four hour vigil, held in March in conjunction with Forest Cor. and Windham meetings. Transferring the Monthly Meeting from Tuesday night to Sunday afternoon following a light luncheon has brought about an increase in attendance and concern in the problems of Friends

Windham Windham wished to clarify the letter asking that Earl Sweetland be recognized a minister in the Society of Friends. The request came from Windham Monthly Meeting and Windham Ministry and Counsel and not from Earl Sweetland as the original minute stated (5-29-65) They report harmony among the members, with many young people and a recent dedication of several children.

Forest Cor This meeting is also studying "No Time but This Present" The meetings are varied and programs unexpected with challenging discussions. Donna Aldrich conducts one Bible school class

Concerns Louis Marshall reports that paid newspaper ads of Friends principles are under consideration in New England Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference and that the experiment will be tried first at Providence, R.I.

There is a concern that non-active members are a drain on a meeting and a discussion followed on membership versus participation

Following silent meditation the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at So. China 8-5-1967

Virginia J. Hall Clerk for the day

8-5-67 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held 8th mo 5th, 1967 at China Lake on the occasion of a joint session of Falmouth and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings, Frances P. York, clerk, presiding

A few moments of silent meditation were followed by the roll call of representatives:

Durham - Dean and Lydia Rollins, David Wetherell, Vivian Woodbury and Ruth Graham

Falmouth - George P. Hutchinson and Vivian Hall

Forest Ave - Glenna Hutchins and Frances P. York

Windham - Katherine Forbes

No representatives from Farmington and Sandwich

18 present, six of whom were representatives.

Visitors welcomed were Priscilla Rushmore who summers at Bridgton and opens the old Meeting House at Lunker Lodge each Sunday morning for a service, Erica Carr who is just now transferring her membership from Dublin, Ireland to Forest Ave Monthly Meeting and Cindy Haldane, a teenager who is attending Forest Ave. Meeting.

In order to give more time to Jane Cook, Margaret Wentworth and Helen Taylor who just this noon returned from the World Conference at Guilford, the reports of representatives were omitted.

Under unfinished business the committee appointed to consider the recommendation that

Earl F. Swearland to recorded as a minister in the Society of Friends presented its report with unanimous approval that such action be taken. This action was approved by Ministry and Counsel and a minute has been prepared to be presented to the Quarterly Meeting which follows Upon its approval there, the clerk will send a minute to Windham Monthly Meeting to be entered in full on its records and a minute of the same to the clerk of Yearly Meeting

Ministry and Counsel

The meeting was adjourned without further concerns in order that more time could be given to a going meeting with Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

Vivian F. Hall, Recording Clerk

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Windham 10th month 27th 1967. The meeting opened with a reading of Queries 1 and 2 followed by discussion and silent meditation.

Roll call: Durham - Alice Goddard, Ruth Graham
Forest Ave. - Marion Cartland, Virginia Phillips
Falmouth - Alice Tapley, Vivian Hall
Windham - Marion Crommie, Edith Libby
Sandwich and Ea. Parsonsfield had no representatives

There were 16 present, 7 of whom were representatives

The minutes of the previous meeting were

read and approved.

Of representatives appointed from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel to attend the N.E. Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, Harold ab. Booker, Vivian Hill, Ira Wine and Marion Cronmire, three were in attendance.

Durham reports that they held a Daily Vacation Bible School as usual and have a weekly Study Group now using the new "Faith and Practice." They expressed their pleasure at having had Milton Hadley as a guest one Sunday. The queries for children have been read during Sunday worship service.

Falmouth Monthly Meeting reports that for the first time they have no Bible school because they have no children. An enjoyable evening was spent recently when the film "A New People to be Gathered" brought to them the work and the needs of the Earlham School of Religion. Olive Tapley reported that the annual Quakerama Fair, a combination of a social event and the way of sponsoring wider Quaker work, has been carried out successfully.

Forest Ave. has a concern about the spiritual condition of the meeting. Ira Wine paraphrased the quote "I think, therefore I am" to say "We exist, therefore we must be alive." They find it increasingly difficult to find a clerk, either

because of apathy or the press of business. At present they are studying Hauseman's "Plays of St. Francis" and "Rufus Jones - Friend of Life" by Elizabeth Vining.

Edith Libby, Windham, reports on a most active Bible School and good attendance and spirit among the members.

George Hutchinson reported on his visit to the Sandwich meeting

After a brief period of silent meditation, the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Oak Street on the last Sat. in Jan. 1968.

Vivian Hill, Reading Clerk

1/27/68 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Oak Street on first month 27th 1968 was opened with Query #2 for Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. "Do you endeavor to recognize and develop your special abilities for service in the Meeting and do you pray for Divine guidance in their use?" In the discussion and meditation followed this searching question

Roll call of Representatives

Windham Vivian Babcock, David Wetherell
Robert White, Isaac Rollins (-)
Falmouth Alice Tapley George Hutchinson
Great Cove Marion Cartland Ina Libby
Windham Margaret and Earl Sweetland

Of ten representatives nine were present We were

happy to have the visitors, Ernest H. Wood of Beacon Hill House, chairman of the finance committee of Yearly Meeting, and Edwina Hinshaw, Yearly Meeting Youth Worker.

Minutes of the previous meeting held at Windham were read and approved. Through oversight a nominating committee was not appointed at the August meeting at China Lake and consequently no report was presented at the Oct. session. To simplify matters the clerk and reading clerk suggest that they be renominated for one year (approved).

Monthly meeting reports:

Windham reports that a second spiritual report has been prepared to give a more honest picture of the state of the Meeting. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is preparing a report of the Peace Testimony to be discussed at Feb. Mon. Mtg.

Falmouth feels that the change of time of Monthly Meeting from Tues evening to Sunday following the worship service has resulted in increased attendance and a renewed interest in our own problems and the wider Quaker activities.

On March 7 Falmouth and Windham meetings will conduct a four hour prayer vigil under the auspices of Friends United Meeting and on March 15th at the Oak St. Meeting House a film of the voyage of the Phoenix will be presented. The public will be invited to share in this presentation which is sponsored by the Quaker action group

We record with great sorrow the death of Dorothy Page on Jan. 3rd. Our feelings are beautifully expressed in the tribute to Dorothy which Walter Thomas has written and which will be read at the Quarterly meeting this afternoon

Forest Ave. reports that they have already held one meeting regarding the Peace Testimony, a report of which is due the Yearly Meeting Committee in March. They are still studying the "Life of Rufus Jones-Friend of Life" by Elizabeth Yeming. feel a deep sense of fellowship but feel their outreach is limited because it is a busy group.

Louis Marshall reports that Parsonsfield has asked for aid in conducting a Vacation Bible school this summer. He also urges each of us to take a more positive approach in our relation to our community.

Robert White called attention to the fact that an Unprogrammed Meeting is now being held during the hour preceding the regular meeting for worship at Durham.

Edwin Hinshaw warned against a tendency to hide behind busyness [illegible]

An interesting discussion on the art of eldering - when, where and how - brought this meeting to a close, purposing to meet 5th month 25th 1968

Vivian Hill, Reading Clerk

5-25-68 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at East Parsonsfield 5th month 25, 1968
opened with excerpts from Frank Laubach's book on Prayer followed by a meditation period.
Roll call of representatives:
Durham - Mary Westcott, Harold Booker
Falmouth - Alice A. Tapley. George H. Hutchinson
Forest Ave - Ira Wing, Marion Cartland
Parsonsfield - Ramona Day
Windham - Earl K. Sweatland
Of eight representatives 7 were present
We welcome two visitors Edwin Hinshaw, Yearly Meeting Young Friends Secretary, and Elizabeth Chauncey, a frequent visitor at Forest Ave Meeting.
The minutes of the previous meeting held 1st month at Oak St. were read and approved.
Reports from Monthly Meeting:
Durham reports that an Unprogrammed Meeting is still being held before the Worship Service with an average of four or six in attendance. The evening prayer and study groups continue with "Dear Mr Brown" Letters to a young man by Henry Emerson Fosdick. The bible school attendance following the morning service is good.
Falmouth regrets that it has no bible school but is happy to record two new members. The showing of the film 'The Phoenix' and

the presence of Harrison Butterworth made a most interesting occasion for all who could attend. Seventy five old friends came to greet Sunday Cook at an afternoon tea when he spent the day at Oak Street Meeting. The clerk reported on the visit of Herbert Hoffman (who was soliciting aid in support of young men opposing the draft by establishing a consulting office to be located in Richmond, Indiana) and Leonard Hall representing the Earlham School of Religion. He reported on the success of the drive for funds and expressed thanks for the support of New England Friends. Earl Sweetland mentioned the increased interest in our Monthly Meetings now held on Sunday following the worship service. He also reported on a conference held with him at the request of a group of young art students in the city and their request for another meeting in the fall. In line with this thought Edwin Kinshaw recommended the book "Living Room Dialogues" by the National Council of Churches for ecumenical discussion.

Forest Ave. is now using for study "The Gospel of Mark" by Bliss Forbush. A concern for the spiritual condition of the meeting led to a request for George Corwin to visit them but his illness caused a cancellation of that plan. Later two representatives from the Yearly Meeting Meetings and Extention Committee, Francis

Wheeler and Ellsworth Nepean, attended morning worship and a discussion of problems but Fourth Cor feels that perhaps the problem should be settled within the meeting rather than trying to seek help from outsiders. One attender has asked to become a member and one birthright member has asked for membership for her husband. Since they live in Philadelphia it was suggested that they talk with Miriam Jones of that meeting or that they attend and perhaps join a Phil. Meeting in that area.

Windham regrets the loss by death of Phyllis Allen McDonald. The Windham Foreign Exchange student this year is from New Zealand and she teaches in the church school. The choir and church school teachers were given a dinner recently in appreciation of their services.

Parsonsfield holds a meeting once or twice a year but they would like to have more meetings.

Sandwich: A minute was read from Marion Spaulding, clerk of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, asking that Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recognize the gift of ministry of Dorothea Leonard. According to Faith and Practice we appoint a committee of three to appraise the general fitness of Dorothea Leonard and to report at a subsequent session as follows: Louis Marstaller (convenor), Earl Sweatland and Valdura Tatum.

Representatives to Interim Com. Min. & Counsel Y. M. Geo. Hutchinson Harold Borden and to Y. M. Min. and Counsel to be held 8th mo at Springvale, Maine Frances P. York, Vivian Hill, Vivian Babcock, Dorothy Bickford. Vivian Hill, Reading clerk

Sept 1968

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Durham 9th mo. 7th. 1968

This meeting opened with silent meditation followed by the reading of the Queries for Ministry and Counsel. In the absence of the clerk, Frances York, the reading clerk, Vivian Hill, presided.

Roll call of representatives:

Durham - Deane Rollins, Vivian Babcock, Cornelia Pratt, Lucy Graham and Robert White

Falmouth - Vivian Hill

Forest Ave - Edith Ware, Glennis Hutchins

Sandwich - Valdura and David Tatum

Windham - Earl Swetland

Eleven representatives were present with about 2/3 attending the meeting. There was no representation from Parsonsfield.

We welcome Lola Taylor and her family from Vassalboro Quarter and Lloyd and Ruth Shank who have recently come to serve the Durham Meeting, replacing David Wetherell who has gone to Earlham for further study.

Reports of Monthly Meetings

Robert White reports that the Bible School and Vacation Bible School have been held as usual but the Discussion Study Groups did not meet during the summer.

Representing the Women's Society Vivian Babcock

and her daughter and Clarabel Mansfield attended the National Convention of United Church Women at Penn State College, Asbalusa, Iowa

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting held a joint meeting with Vassalboro on June 29th at China Camp Windham, Falmouth and Forest Ave Meetings were each represented. Following a picnic luncheon Russell Johnson spoke on the problems of Viet Nam Jennie and Harold Barker and Vivian Hill attended the workshop "Wider Horizons thru Ministry and Counsel" at Yearly Meeting. With a different leader each day, the discussion was based on the lesson.

Forest Ave was actively interested in China Camp this summer as Virginia and Jane Phillips were counselors there. Becky Wine is entering Westbrook this month and Patty Wine is travelling to Japan for her junior year but will return to finish her college course at Mt Holyoke next year. This meeting has been most active this summer in supporting a newly organized group for Toy Disarmament. The Press has given favorable publicity - even Time Magazine and Huntley and Brinkley.

Windham is now resuming activities following a two week vacation.

Sandwich. Valdura Tatum reports that summer services for worship are held with 10-25 in attendance although there is only one member in residence during the winter months.

The committee composed of Louis Marstaller, Earl Swealland and Tildura Tatum, appointed to appraise the general fitness of Dorothea Leonard to be recognized as a minister in the Society of Friends, report that they feel this action should be taken. Friends approved the minute to be presented to Quarterly Meeting for its approval, following which it would be entered on the records of Sandwich Meeting and a copy of the minute sent to the Clerk of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, Lydia Willits of Dover 2th Meeting

Lelia Taylor urged that a flood of letters be sent to T V sponsors whose commercials show not only violence but a total disrespect for life. She cited the Peruvian as one example.

No other concerns were presented and the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Windham 10th month 26th

Vivian Hill, Clerk for the day.

10/26/68 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Windham 10th mo. 26th 1965

The meeting was opened with meditation, a prayer and the 43rd psalm.

In the absence of the clerk, Frances York, the

reading clerk presided.
Roll call of Representatives
Durham - Robert White, Cornelia Pratt, Celia Goddard
and Lloyd Shank.
Falmouth - George Hutchinson and Vivian Hunt
Forest Ave. - Ina Wine and Marion Cartland
Windham - Earl Sweetland and Marion Cromwell
Eight of these were present. There were no
representatives from Sandwich or Parsonsfield,
nor were there any visitors from other meetings.
Eighteen attended this meeting.
The report of the meeting held at Durham
4th month 7th was read and approved
Durham Robert White for Durham Meeting reported
that recent activity among their young
people has produced a supper and a Hallowe'en
party and that the Women's Society recently
brought from Poland Spring a group of thirty
singers from the Jot Corps for a most enjoyable
concert. An innovation in the Sunday
Worship service is a story period for the
children - a part of the meeting just for them
seems to please them.
Falmouth Falmouth reports that they received a letter
from a man who wished to open a tavern
in a room in the block adjoining the church
property. By law it is necessary for him to

have permission from the Meeting. Permission denied
Family night was observed Oct 23. About forty
gathered for a pot luck supper followed by a
tape recording "Poetry [illegible] by Georg Gatchouse

Forest Ave. Forest Ave. has changed its format somewhat. The
Meeting for Worship is still at 9:30 as during the
summer months but once a month for an hour
following the worship service a study group
will hold an unstructured program to discuss
issues of current interest with no special theme
and with rotating leadership. Cushman Anthony,
a convinced Friend and an attender of the Meeting,
has been active with several draft law cases.
He was also an instigator of the Toy Disarmament
program. Sunday Nov. 16th has been chosen by the
committee at work on this project for Toy Gun
Dump, when children will be encouraged to bring
their toy guns to be burned at the spot chosen
by the committee. This project has won the
cooperation of several large department stores and
has received international publicity.

Windham Windham has an active women's group and a good
Bible School. They are happy to welcome back
their choir

The clerk regrets that a nominating committee was
not appointed at the Quarterly Meeting held at
Durham 9th mo 7th to report at this meeting

and suggests that such a committee be appointed today, to report at the Jan. meeting. Georg Hutchinson suggested that the same two clerks continue to serve for one more year, and this was approved.

Vivian Hiet advised members to locate the deeds of their meeting property and make a notation in their current records where such deeds may be found

Ira Wine gave us a brief but most interesting account of the experiences of his daughter, Patty, who is spending this year in Japan. Following a visit in the Japanese home of a college friend, she is now enrolled at the International Christian University

Carol Dean of Durham meeting expressed her concern in the question, "Do we feel that we have the confidence and strength to face the issues before us or are we retreating from the world?" To her this is a continuing cause for concern — that we need to come alive and do more than we are doing. We could not answer her question but we all wish that each of our meetings had more members with her youth and enthusiasm.

The clerk read a section from the report of Falmouth Quarterly meeting, "The life of true religion is very low — worldly mindedness has so overspread our religious

society that this meeting thought it proper to appoint a committee if possible to stir Friends up to more diligence. Dated 3rd mo 6th 1798.

The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Oak Street 1st mo. 25th, 1969

Vivian Hill, Clerk for the day.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met at Oak St. first month 25th, 1969.

The clerk read a letter from T. Eugene Coffin, Executive Secy of Board of Evangelism and Church Extension, Friends United Meeting, asking for prayers for Richard M. Nixon, newly-elected president and a member of Whittier, California Friends Meeting and asked that in the meditation period we pray for President Nixon, World leaders and world peace.

Roll call: Windham - Ruth Graham, Ellen Goddard

Falmouth - Vivian Hill, George Hutchinson

Forest Ave - Ina Wine, Marion Cartland

There were no representatives from Windham, East Parsonsfield or Sandwich.

There was only one at this meeting. The Executive Committee of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel met in an adjoining room - Sylvia Willets, Harold Booker, Margery Walker, Eleanor Bailey, Seward Colgen, Nancy Booth, Edwin Hinshaw, Ernest Wood, Sons Manatakka - we regretted that they could not meet with us.

The minutes of the 10th month 24th meeting at Windham

were read and approved.

State of the Society Reports:

Ruth Graham reported on the continuing activities of their meeting with Lloyd Shank as pastor. She reported the death of Mary Williams, a loyal member of Graham Meeting whose funeral kept some of the meeting members away from the meeting today. At Christmas time cards of young people, accompanied by Chandler Mansfield and Lloyd and Ruth Shank sang Christmas carols for the shut-ins and they were much appreciated. The unprogramed meetings which they were holding before the Sunday service during the summer have been discontinued as the family from Worcester is holding a meeting there and may join with the small group at Camden. Vivian Hill from Falmouth Monthly Meeting said, "We feel the effects of the March of Time on our older members and the expanding of life and opportunities for our younger ones." We are grateful for the leadership of Earl and Marjorie Swetland. We seek to give our support to many Quaker projects as well as service in community projects.

Edith Ware read the report she had prepared for Yearly Meeting on the state of the Forest Gro. Meeting. She gave a report of activities during the year and stressed the fact that they are a highly individual group, each with his own sincere conviction as to

what constitutes the right course of action, unceasingly endeavoring to accept one another and to resolve any differences in a loving spirit befitting the principles of Friends, always recognizing "that of God in every man."

Ira Wine reported that the group of persons interested in draft counseling is still searching for a convenient and available place where they can talk over the problems and give encouragement to the young men who come to them.

Concerns: Ira Wine spoke of the four generations of Christians
The first generation group - those who really feel the love of God which transforms their lives for Christian service.
The second generation - those who attend church regularly and support its activities from long-established habit
The third generation - those who appear on Christmas and Easter
The fourth generation - those who completely ignore the Christian way of life.
Where are we in this analysis?

The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Forest Grove, 5th month 24th.

Vivian S. Hill, Recording Clerk

5-24-69 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Forest Ave 5th month 24th., 1969

The clerk opened the meeting by reading excerpts from the article "Where we turn for Wisdom" by Elizabeth G. Kirk - Friends Journal.

The minutes of the 1st month meeting were read and approved

Portland Durham Ruth Graham
Forest Ave - Frances P. York
Oak St - Alice B. Topley Vernon L. Hoop
Windham - Kathryn Forbes Dorothy Cyr

There were no representatives from Farmington or Sandwich and no visitors. Seventeen were present.

Reports. Ruth Graham reported for Durham Meeting Two England Friends Mr and Mrs Watts showed a film strip of Africa at a recent meeting. Through the Council of Churches there was an pulpit exchange and a Brunswick minister was a guest speaker at the Durham meeting. Edwin Trisham visited with the youth group recently and Carol and Cushman Anthony led a discussion on draft counseling. The Bible study group has been reactivated and is now studying Romans. There have been four sessions for discussion or questions in preparation for Yearly Meeting.

For Forest Ave Meeting Frances York mentioned the week-end visit by George Corwin who was favorably impressed with the meeting. He spent

one evening at The Gate, one afternoon with Oak St Friends and held three stimulating discussion sessions ~~groups~~ with the Forest Cor. group. Mention was made of the Group Dynamics sessions with Harold Burnham as leader and Stanley Aldrich as assistant. The chief problem of this ~~group~~ Forest Cor. Meeting is how to cope with a Bible school composed of 5 boys and 1 girl in ages 1½ to 8 years.

For Oak Street Olive Tapley expressed gratitude for the pleasure the Windham chorus brought in their recent visit to the Meeting. She also spoke of the warmth of fellowship experienced in the afternoon with George Corwin. Contributions have been sent for Biafra and for Indian work from the Harold and Ella Smart Fund. She read the paper "Witness and Memorial for Peace in Viet Nam" which was presented to all who attended the peace vigil held on the steps of the First Parish Church on May 23rd.

Vivian Hill reported on the thought-provoking work shop held at Beacon Hill House in April and sponsored by the Yearly Meeting Interim Committee on Ministry and Counsel. William Rogers, now on Sabbatical from Earlham School of Religion and presently teaching pastoral counseling at Harvard Divinity School, was the resource leader.

Windham reports a good meeting attendance. Once

a month a special offering is taken for Yearly Meeting needs and recently our offering was sent for Europe. There is no ministry and counsel in the Windham Meeting and a rather small group attend the business meetings, but there is a good Bible school.

Harold and Jennie Booker were appointed to represent Falmouth Quarterly Meeting at the Yearly Meeting session of Ministry and Counsel and for the interim committee. Edith H. Ware and Harold E. Booker were named representatives.

Following a brief period of silence the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Durham on a date to be decided by the Quarterly Meeting business session.

Vivian S. Hill, recording clerk.

9-6-69

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Durham ninth month 6th 1969

The meeting was opened by the clerk, Frances York, who read those sections from Faith and Practice which pertain to the duties of Ministry and Counsel, stressing encouragement to be given to private worship, prayer, meditation and devotional reading to promote growth in the spiritual life of the worshipper.

Roll call of Representatives

Durham - Deane Rollins, Cornelia Pratt, Vivian Babcock

Forest Ave. Ira Wine Edith Ware
Falmouth Monthly Meeting - Olive Tapley
Windham - Earl and Marjorie Sweetland, Marjorie Frye
Marjorie Skinner and Dorothy Cyr
Sandwich - David and Valdura Tatum, Dorothea Leonard
Parsonsfield - no representative.
All but two of the representatives were present.
The minutes of the fifth month meeting were read and approved

Durham: Since Lloyd Shank resigned in June, the meeting is seeking another pastor and at present is having a guest speaker each week. The vacation bible school was held as usual this summer. Robert White expressed concern about the bible school and the advisability of holding the regular sessions during school vacation.

Falmouth: Having been closed since June 30th, the services will be resumed on Sept 7th.

Forest Ave. Carol and Cushman Anthony and their son Thomas here presented a letter of transfer of membership from Virginia Beach Friends Meeting and their membership has been approved by Ministry and Counsel of Forest Ave Meeting. Both Carol and Cushman are deeply interested in Quaker work and active in many causes and they will bring new blood into the Meeting. Another young couple with several children has attended

regularly and has inquired about membership. One member of the meeting is assigned for each Sunday to look after the small children and this has relieved the Bible school problem. The exterior appearance of the Meeting House has been much improved by painting the trim white and in the meeting room many layers of paint have been removed from the floor revealing the natural beauty of the original floor.

Windham During the summer the Historical Society of Windham conducted a tour of historic buildings in the community and visited the meeting house and later held one of their meetings there. Several adult members have already been accepted by the meeting and all signs point to a good year.

Edith Ware, Alice Goddard and Earl Lovatland were appointed as a Nominating Committee to present a name for clerk of ministry and counsel at the Quarterly Meeting 10th month at Windham. Michael Carter will help the Durham Friends with its youth program during the coming year.

Ira Wine reported on a discussion at Yearly Meeting led by Irma Ballentine, a former worker on the A.F.S.C. Her subject ["Are Friends concerned"] "Race Relations" Her question "Are Friends concerned?" Her answer "Apparently not." An interesting discussion followed. The meeting adjourned, purposing to meet 10th mo 25th at Windham. V. III H

10-25-69 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Windham tenth month 25th.

With the approval of the Meeting, Marian Cartland was appointed acting recording clerk in the absence of Vivian Hill.

Frances York, clerk, read from "Faith and Practice" some of the duties of the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, following which there was a discussion of the performance of the Monthly Meetings in the matter of study groups, public meetings, circulation of literature and outreach.

Roll call of representatives:

Durham: Vivian Babcock, Alice Goddard, Cornelia Pratt abs.
Falmouth: George Hutchinson
Forest Ave: Marian P. Cartland, Frances P. York
Parsonsfield and Sandwich - none
Windham: Earl K. Swcatland

All of the 7 representatives except one were present. The minutes of ninth month were read, approved.

Durham Vivian Babcock reported that Durham's Monthly Meeting's concern about race relations resulted in the decision to call 21-year-old Dwight Wilson, a negro studying at Bangor Theological Seminary and the University of Maine, to be their minister. He and his wife occupy the parsonage week-ends. On first day Dwight Wilson conducts the ten o'clock morning service, participates in first

day school for all ages, and meets with the two newly formed youth groups under Michael Carter; about 28 young people from the community attend the latter. The Durham missionary group substitutes for its usual fall sale solicitation of money instead of food; $160. was contributed.

Falmouth — Earl Sweatland reported that Meetings for Worship at Oak Street resumed in 9th month. Cornelia Edwards is conducting a First Day class for a few children. The strength of Falmouth Monthly Meeting lies in well attended Business Meetings held after Meeting for Worship on the third First Day each month except 7th and 8th months. The Service Club is active.

Forest Ave. — Frances York reported that Forest Ave. now has 15 in its First Day School. These are divided into a play group of 3 young children, supervised by rotating members of the Meeting, and a second group ranging in age from 5 to 12, now being taught by Cushman Anthony, after six months under Frances York. It is planned that leadership of this group will rotate every two months. A 45-minute Meeting for Worship begins at 10 o'clock followed by about 45 minutes of discussion; for the latter leaders change each month. Several new young families are now attending services, bringing the average attendance to about 30.

Windham: Earl Sweatland reported that Windham Monthly Meeting meets regularly with attendance ranging from 30 to 45; that the choir is back and active; and that church school is beginning with a good group. As in the past, on the last First Day of the month stress is laid on Missionary Society work, to which the collection is assigned.

Earl Sweatland expressed grave concern about the adverse publicity Friends were receiving from a group of young people (3 girls and 3 boys) placed by the AFSC down the coast this past summer to study the cause of poverty pockets in Maine. The minister and his wife originally supposed to be with them found it impossible to join them, so the group had no supervision. The group had such a good time all summer, they decided to continue through the winter. Because of criticism by local people, the AFSC has stated it is no longer sponsoring the group.

Frances York mentioned deep concern for Edith Ware, whose 15-year-old granddaughter has been missing since Moratorium Day, and suggested that during meditation our prayers be with Edith.

Approval was given to the Nominating Committee's request that its report be postponed until our meeting in first month.

Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet first month 31st.

Marian P. Cartland, Acting Recording Clerk.

1-31-70 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met at Oak Street, Falmouth on First Month 31, 1970.

The first two queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel were read for prayerful consideration.

Representatives appointed to the meeting are

Dunbarton: Alice Goddard, Ruth Groton, Harold Burton, Frances Williams

Forest Grove: Stanley Aldrich, Frances Hyatt

Oak Street: Alice Topley

Windham: Earl K. Sweatland

Four of the appointed representatives were present.

Monthly Meeting reports were presented.

Dunbarton Dunbarton new pastor and his wife, Dwight and Barbara Wilson, were introduced. Dwight has been very visiting members in their homes and in the hospital and has also been working with the young people, who gave a program at Christmastime. The Christmas offering was sent to the American Friends Service Committee to be used for the Biafran people. George Bolton, representing the Friends Committee on National Legislation, spoke of the work of the committee at a breakfast meeting attended by Friends and other members of the community.

Oak Street Sunday morning worship is now held in the nearby, which is conducive to a warm and friendly feeling. The Service Club, meeting regularly, is

active in relief work. Birthday cards are sent to members and former members. The monthly meeting provides information about various Quaker activities, to most of which the local meeting contributes. A visitor family is regular in attendance. Worship is inspiring, enriched frequently with music by a vocalist. A visitor writes to join the Meeting but does not attend regularly.

Windham — Active in its outreach, Windham has received recently seven new members, who are strengthening the Meeting with their support. Commodities were mailed at Christmastime. $500 in scholarships were recently given to college students. The above are greatly appreciated. Windham is saddened by the death of one of its members, Allie Hawkes.

Forest Ave. — Forest Avenue is thrilled with increased attendance. There have been two more babies recently and new Quaker families have moved into the area. New play equipment has been purchased for the nursery. A candlelight worship service was held during the Christmas season and a prayer group used the Meeting's facilities on one occasion. Arthur Jones, a longtime member, was lost through death on December 5.

Regarding to Dwight Wilcox's question concerning the absence of representatives from Parsonsfield and Kezar Falls Monthly Meetings, Earl Swetland reported that Kennebunk is a small Meeting that meets only during the summer months and that Parsonsfield is almost inactive with only five members endeavoring valiant to struggle to keep the Meeting functioning.

Concern was expressed for inactive members in our various Meetings. One suggestion made was to place their names on inactive file, hoping that at some later date their interest could be revived. Another suggestion was to discontinue any member who has been inactive for a period of three years.

Closing with a period of silence, we adjourned, prayerfully to meet at Parsonsfield on Fifth Month 30, 1970.

Ina M. Hine, Clerk

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met at East Parsonsfield on 5th month 30th with ten present. Frances York presided in the absence of the clerk, Ira M. Wood who was attending graduation exercises of his Patty from Mt. Holyoke College.

Frances York read a newspaper clipping about "the lonely people in the west end district of Portland" followed by a meditation period in which we each might ask ourselves what we can do in these troubled times.

The minutes of first month meeting were read and approved.

Roll call of representatives: (All were present)
Durham - Harold Booker
Falmouth - Alice Talley and Vivian Lee
Forest Ave - Marion Eastland and Stanley Aldrich
Windham, Parsonsfield and Sandwich sent no representatives

Monthly Meeting reports

Durham Harold Booker feels that in the struggle to meet the needs of these troubled times each one of us must start with himself.

Dwight Wilson is active in two ages of youth groups, many of whom are not members of this meeting. Mike Carter is leader of the high school age group. Bible school has small

attendance at present.

Falmouth The resignation of Earl Swealand to take place Sept 1st leads to many problems regarding the future of the meeting. Oak St. stands well in the community and thru the meeting and the Service Club financial aid is given to many Junior projects. Many members are sentimentalists and not workers while many who are faithful workers are not members of the meeting

Forest Ave: Stanley Aldrich reported an increased attendance and new problems. They have 15 children of widely varying age groups in the bible school. At present in place of the discussion group on 2nd First Day they hold monthly meeting and on the 4th first day they have a singing bee followed by a pot luck luncheon. One of the most interesting discussion periods was led by Barbara Woodbury who spoke on the new Peace and Environmental Center. On a recent Sat. a work day was held to clean the meeting house and to clear the winter debris from the grounds.

Yearly Mtg For representatives to Yearly Meeting - Harold Booker and Dwight Wilson were appointed.

For the Interim Committee - Harold Booker

Louis Marshaller gave a brief report regarding the proposed sale of the parsonage at Parsonsfield - this to be discussed more fully at the afternoon

business session. After a few moments of silent meditation the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Durham 8th month 29th.

Vivian Hill, recording clerk for the day.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met at Durham 8th month 29th, 1970 with the clerk, Ira M. Wine presiding. It was the mind of the meeting that Vivian Hill serve as recording clerk for the day.

Ira Wine discussed the annual State of the Society reports due from each Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel - reports which may cover the full range of interests and concerns but should emphasize those qualities, indicators of the spiritual health of the meeting as outlined in Faith and Practise, such as The Quality of Worship, spiritual growth, stands on Friend's Principles, participation in general activities of Friends, community and other religious groups. For meditation he suggested the question, "Do we indicate to the world these things which we believe?"

The minutes of the meeting held at Parsonsfield 5th month 30th were read and approved.

Roll call of representatives:

Durham - Deane Rollins, Ruth Graham, Alice Goddard
Falmouth - Dorothy Thombs, Olive Tapley
Forest Ave - Stanley Aldrich, Frances York
All were present. There were no representatives from Parsonsfield, Sandwich or Windham. There were 15 present. Ernest Wood was welcomed, tho he can hardly be considered a visitor in the Durham Meeting.

Frances York, Deane Rollins and Olive Tapley were appointed to serve as a nominating committee for a clerk and recording clerk for Ministry and Counsel for the coming year.

Reports: Falmouth Monthly Meeting which has been closed as usual for July and August, is in a quandary due to the resignation of Earl Shoreland and at 7:30 P.M on 9th month 3rd will hold a joint meeting of members and attenders of Oak Street and Forest Ave. Meetings to consider future plans - the possible use of only one meeting house, a union or two separate meetings for worship, an executive secretary and other suggestions.

Durham: There has been no vacation bible school this summer and for the first time there has been no bible school. Dwight Wilson is to be asked to serve as pastor for another year. The meeting feels a lack of visitation.

Forest Ave. The letter from the joint committee from

Oak Street and Forest Ave. was read. Possible assistance to Oak Street through a joint use of property or a joint meeting is the present problem.

Louis Marstaller reported for Parsonsfield that the Free Will Baptist Society is renting the church for its Sunday services. It is proposed that the Parsonsfield group meet on Monday nights. The sale of the parsonage awaits legal action.

Alice Topley brought up the subject of the pamphlet called "Back Benches" with which no one seemed to be familiar. She agreed to secure copies of the current and previous editions and give them to the clerks of Ministry and Counsel in the Quarter for further discussion.

With a desire "to become alive or stay alive", it was suggested that at the next meeting three or more young friends be present to answer questions and to be prepared to speak on what young Friends are seeking. Cushman and Carol~~x~~ Anthony were suggested from Forest Ave, Michael Carter from Durham and one should be invited from Windham young friends.

We stand adjourned, proposing to meet on the last Sat. of 10th month at Windham

Vivian Hill, clerk for the day.

1970 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel called to order by the clerk Ina M Wood tenth month 31 st at Windham. The clerk read selections from the magine "The Black Panther" setting forth their demands and criticisms of the social structure of our times. A period of meditation followed. A report of the meeting at Durham 8th month was read and approved after a name was changed.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting:
Durham - Alice Goddard and Jennie Booker
Falmouth - Alice B. Topley
Forest Avenue - Edith Wood, Marian Cartland
Sandwich - Marion Spaulding
Windham - Earl K Lovejoy All present.

Pownalfield had no representative at this meeting Alice Topley reported that she had secured copies of the pamphlet "Back Benches" and had sent a copy to each clerk of Ministry and Counsel in the Quarter. The clerk of this meeting suggested that we postpone discussion on this subject until next meeting as few members have seen a copy

Reports Alice Topley reports that Oak Street is still in the process of changes - there is still some hope that Oak St and Forest Ave will eventually merge. There has been a spiritual quality in the meetings for worship but most attenders feel that it is necessary to have

a speaker at meeting time. We feel that the future of Cook St is still uncertain

Forest Cor Edith Wise stated that they have had a baby-sitter for their three infants and are using the upstairs rooms for their Bible School this fall. Once a month they enjoy a pot luck luncheon following the meeting. They feel a lack of spiritual quality in their discussion periods. They continue to grope, feeling that a more peaceful approach is needed.

Windham reports a good attendance at church school and at the worship service. They appreciate the work of their choir and enjoy a good spirit of fellowship following the morning service.

Sandwich Marion Spaulding reported of meetings held only in July and August. As the there are only four families in residence, they have many visitors. Two new Friends families have moved into the town and it is hoped that they will attend meeting.

Dunham Following the summer vacation Bible school has started again and a baby sitting service has been arranged for the worship service. Dwight Wilson has started a bible study group but since last night is the only time available there seem to be changes in the program. The Wilsons hold open house at the Parsonage after the morning service monthly to celebrate one year of service in the meeting. A questionnaire has been sent to members and attenders.

It was prepared by Minutes and Covenant - not enough replies have been received to evaluate the results. Sample questions were: "What should the Meeting do for you?" "What should you do for the Meeting" "Do we need a full time minister?" Should we have more social life for our young people?" "What can members do through the week to prepare for worship on first day?"

In closing Ina Ware again stressed that we do need to be aware of what is happening to persons in slums districts - to Black panthers - and become a part of it. We do not meet the needs of others who have come up in a different tradition. Christianity needs to capture and put in practice the belief and aspirations of Black Panthers.

The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Oak Street 1st month 30th, 1971.

Virgie Hill
Recording clerk for the day

The nominating committee submitted the following names for appointment for the coming year

Clerk - Edith Ware
Recording clerk - Virgie Hill
Report accepted

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends Ministry and Counsel held at Oak St. 1st month 30th, 1971

The clerk, Edith Ware, opened the meeting by reading a prayer by William E. Channing.

By invitation of this meeting Mike Cotter, leader of the youth Group of Durham Monthly Meeting was present, to try to explain to us the attitudes of the young people today. He feels that they are seeking understanding with openmindedness - they have a desire to participate and not be just an audience - that each one is a minister - that they feel a great lack of simplicity in the lives of the adults.

The minutes of the previous meeting 10th month 31st at Windham were read and approved.

Roll call of Representatives:

Durham - Harold and Jennie Booker, Vivian Babcock.

Falmouth - Alice Tapley & Vivian Hill

Forest Ave - Frances York, Stanley Aldrich

Five were present. Windham, Sandwich and East Parsonsfield were not represented.

The clerk welcomed Ernest Wood of Beacon Hill Friends House and Vivian Woodbury, with us again after a long illness.

Frances York read a letter from a former attender at Forest Ave, Meeting who for many years has been seeking to find the nature of God. Very happy now, she knows that "people's love in action

is God."

Harold Booker reported that at a recent meeting of the Ministry and Counsel Interim Committee of Yearly Meeting a desire was expressed that they might be of some service to Falmouth Monthly Meeting which is still in the process of change. Monthly Meeting reports were presented.

Durham: Harold Booker feels that the youth groups show much interest - that the study group which met with difficulties last year has been started again - the three older classes to meet during the Bible School hour through the Lenten season. They are continuing the baby sitting services. Their greatest weakness is lack of visitation.

Falmouth: Vivian Hill reported that after three meetings of joint committees from Falmouth and Forest Ave. meetings each group seems anxious to retain its own type of service and place of worship so no union of the two meetings seems likely at present. A spirit of closer fellowship has developed between the two groups, however. Walter Thomas, a member of Oak St. Meeting, has offered his services for the worship period and we feel truly blessed.

Forest Ave.: Frances York reported no great change from a spiritual standpoint but many physical changes -

a new cess pool, a new water line and a new heating equipment. Connie Beal has edited a most informative news letter with a list of programs for meetings and news items of absent members. A new group is being formed- a women's discussion group - to meet either on Tues. or Wed. morning at the Meeting House. The Bible school has growing pains - 16 children of great age span.

Parsonsfield Since no one was present from East Parsonsfield Louis Marstaller stated that the Baptist church is still using the Meeting House 1st day morning and the Quaker group meeting there in the afternoon.

The pamphlet "The Backbencher, a Quaker Spasmodical" was mentioned. Alice Jaffey, clerk of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, has written to the editors objecting to the use of the name Quaker in such a radical paper.

Attendance 11. After a brief silence the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Forest Ave.

4th month 24th.

Vivian Hill, Recording Clerk.

April 1971 Falmouth ~~Monthly~~ Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Forest Ave, Portland 4th month 24th, 1971 with ten present.

The clerk, Edith H. Ware, opened the meeting by reading "Brown Eyes- Blue Eyes" from the Readers Digest, condensed from "A Class Dividend" by Wm. Peters. It is "an unforgettable experiment in prejudice and

self delusion".

The report of the meeting held at Oak St. 1st. month 30th was read and approved

Representatives

Durham Vivian Babcock and Harold Booker

Falmouth Olive Tapley

Forest Ave. Kenneth Beal and Stanley Aldrich

Windham, Parsonsfield and Sandwich sent no representatives and there were no guests. 3 present

Reports Durham: The Bible study group met throughout, studying the Book of Job. The youth group met almost every Sunday from 4:30-6. Dwight Wilson has been invited to serve as pastor for another year

Falmouth: In spite of small attendance the meetings under the leadership of Walter Thomas have been very spiritual. A cordial invitation has come from the Windham meeting to unite with them. At present a suggestion is under consideration that Oak St. and Forest Ave. merge under a new name, possibly Portland Monthly Meeting.

Forest Ave.: Kenneth Beal reported that the schedule of the 1st day program has been changed- worship 10-11 ending with the Quaker hand-shake. This is followed one week by a discussion led by a chosen leader, one week by a hymn sing and-

pot luck luncheon and one week by Monthly Meeting business meeting. There have been three "Seekers" meetings held at the home of the Anthonys. The first - Friends History led by Ira Wing and Ch. Raymond Wood
2nd - Meeting for Worship - Harold Burnham
3rd - Social Concerns - Cushman Anthony and [illegible] Matlack
A meeting for worship was held in front of the Federal Building in Portland on April 15th in protest of tax dollars being spent for war purposes.
They report on active 1st day school.
A woman's discussion group has been formed which meets on Tues. mornings at the homes of members

Harold Booker was elected as representative to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and also to the Interim Committee of Yearly Meeting.
Following a few moments of silence, the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Durham 8th month 28th.

Vivian L. Hill, Recording Clerk.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Durham 8th month 28th 1971 with 11 present. In the devotion period the Clerk, Edith Ware, read the article "Complete Salvation" written by Sindley Cook and sent out to many of his friends shortly

before his death on 7th month 29th.
"According to Jesus' teaching and that of James, faith and works must go hand in hand and supplement each other. We need to read the Epistle of James three or four times a year. We need both the fundamentalist and the liberal concepts if we are to have a balanced salvation."

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting:
Durham - Alice Goddard, Frances Wilson, Mary Curtis
Oak Street - Alice Tapley
Forest Ave - Edith Ware
There were no representatives from Windham, Parsonsfield or Sandwich Meetings.
The report of the meeting held fourth month 28th at Forest Ave was read and approved.
Harold Booker, our representative to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, reported on the discussion on the means of selecting a nominating committee for officers of Yearly Meeting.
The former Interim Committee is to be discontinued and the new com. combined with the Meeting and Extension Com. to work together through the year, & a retreat for the combined group will be held at China Camp soon.

Ministry & Counsel

Durham Harold Booker reported that a vacation Bible school was held for two weeks with an attendance

of 35 to 40. The Bible Study group through July studied the Book of Romans. Starting in Sept. prayer meetings will be resumed, meeting on the 1st Tues.

Oak St. Clara Tapley The Service Club will continue its activities this fall but there will be no meetings for worship at the present time. Those wishing to worship in the manner of Friends will attend the Forest Ave Meeting. On 8th month 1st at the Meeting House a memorial service was held for Lindley J. Cook. Ten members of the youth choir when Lindley Cook was minister at Oak Street sang Lindley's favorite hymn.

The main concern is the proposed union with Forest Ave Meeting - the plans are incomplete An item from the Oak St. monthly meeting report of 1948 was read - at that time Lindley Cook strongly urged merging Oak St and Forest Ave. meetings at Forest Ave, the Oak St. plant to become a center for interdenominational offices and religious activities of the Council of Churches

Forest Ave Edith Ware reported that worship services have been continued thru the summer on an early schedule (9:30 - 10:30) with no Bible School during the vacation period. There have been a number of visitors.

Concerns The problem of Oak St. meeting was the chief subject of concern. This leads to the question,

What is wrong with the churches that they no longer attract the young people?"
Alice Topley spoke again regarding the pamphlet "Bad Conduct." She has written objecting to their use of the name of Friends but has received no reply and no new copies.
Following a period of silence, the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Windham 10th mo 30th, 1971.

Vivian Hill, Recording clerk.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Windham 10th mo 30th 1971.
In the absence of the clerk, Vivian Hill for devotions read Ten suggestions for Worship - rules equally fitting for a programmed or unprogrammed meeting.
The roll call of representatives appointed to attend this meeting — Durham - Ruth Graham, alt. Alice Goddard and Harold Booker
Cole Street - Alice Topley
Forest Cove - Edith Ware, Stanley Aldrich, alternate Marian Cortland
Windham - Earl Sweetland. All present but one.
There were no representatives from Parsonsfield or Sandwich
The report of the meeting held at Durham 8th mo 28th was read and approved.
Durham Harold Booker reported that two new members had been received into fellowship in the meeting,

one of them being their minister Dwight Wilson.
The bible study group has been poorly attended
and the bible school has been bothered by good weather
Dwight Wilson attempted to have some tutoring
done thru the schools by Bowdoin college
students but met with difficulties with the school
authorities and will probably give up the idea.
The girl scouts hold their meetings in the vestry.

Forest Ave. With the beginning of the fall schedule the time
of the worship service was returned to ten A.M.
In turn each family is to be responsible for
the program during the discussion period.
The baby sitter has been engaged for another
year. Monthly meeting will be held in the
evening of the ~~Second~~ First Tues. in the month.
One work day each month is planned for
necessary upkeep of the Meeting House. One
interesting visitor in Sept, a Quaker and teacher
from Kent, Ohio, spoke of the disturbances there.

Oak St. Mrs. Tafley reported that although no regular
services for worship are being held, yet once a
month a worship service and the regular monthly
meeting have taken place and that services are
being arranged for Thanksgiving and Christmas
Sundays. In Sept. Willard Vare met with the meeting,
giving the message at the Worship service and giving
most helpful consideration and advice when he reviewed

the problems at the monthly meeting. He advised selling the meeting house, placing securities in the hands of the Yearly Meeting Investment and Permanent Funds committee but retaining for the present the corporate body of Falmouth Monthly Meeting.

Windham — Earl Sweetland reported that at long last water is being installed in the meeting house. Three new members have united with the meeting, there is an active Bible school and a good choir. The present project is the collection of books and magazines for the men at the So. Windham reformatory.

Concerns — The chief concern was, "Is there any way the other meetings can help solve the Oak Street problems?" No solution was offered.

Following a brief silence the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Oak St. Portland 1st month 29th., 1972.

Vivian Hill, clerk for the day.

1972 — The Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Oak St., Portland, first month, twenty-ninth, 1972. The clerk Edith Ware, opened the meeting by reading excerpts from "Focus on Living" by Winfred Wilkinson who states that the enlightened

individual is the secret weapon for world peace. We should believe in peace, give attention to the God given freedom in every person, concentrate on good ideas and believe in the essential good in all men.

Roll call of representatives
Durham - Harold Booker
Oak St. - Alice Tapley
Forest Ave. - Beatrice Wehmeyer, Virginia Philips
All were present. There were no representatives from Windham, Sandwich or Parsonsfield.

The report of the meeting held at Windham 10th month was read and approved.

Durham Harold Booker reported that another Bible study group has been organized. The youth group meets regularly - some are outsiders not too interested in our Christian education. The girl scouts meet in the vestry and are a good asset. Dwight Wilson does visitation which is such a necessary part of church leadership

Oak Street Alice Tapley reported that the meeting continues to hold a service on the third Sunday each month, followed by a luncheon and the monthly business meeting. A committee has been appointed to make plans to make known to the public the fact that the meeting house is for sale.

Forest Ave. Virginia Philips reported that the meeting is at present holding the monthly meeting in the evening

of the first Tues. of the month. Friends are concerned with the conflicts between activists and conservatists, a young group against an older one, members against non-members and learning how to deal with these tensions. On the positive side the Tuesday morning study group is a real period of close fellowship.

Since the clerks terms have expired, a nominating committee of Virginia Philips and Harold Booker was approved.

The spiritual report of Quarterly Meeting is no longer to be a summary of the reports of individual meetings but rather the state of the Quarterly Meeting as such. To prepare the report Edith Ware and Harold Booker are approved, two others to be chosen by Fly Mtg.

Following a quiet period the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet fourth month 29th at Parsonsfield.

Vivian Hill, recording clerk.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at East Parsonsfield 4th mo. 29, 1972.

The clerk, Edith Ware opened the meeting with a period of devotion and then read excerpts of the book "China as I see It" written by Pearl Buck and delivered in an address in Chicago April 5, 1951

Representatives to the meeting
Durham Harold and Jennie Booker
Windham Marjorie Frye Skinner
Forest Ave. Beatrice Wehmeyer
Falmouth Vivian Hill Four present
Altho not elected as representatives, Ramona Day and Dorothy Bickford were present from East Paroonsfield and Marion Spaulding and Phyllis French from the Sandwich Meeting

Durham Harold Booker reported that the Bible study group is now meeting again. The youth group has accompanied Dwight Wilson as he called on shut-ins at the nursing homes. A family night is planned for once a month. In April the other meetings of the Quarter were invited to the pot-luck supper when Howard Bartram, secy of Friends General Conference, and Lorton Heusel of Friends United Meeting were present and spoke to the group — a most interesting meeting for all who were privileged to attend.

Falmouth Vivian Hill reported that only one meeting has been held at Oak St. since our last Quarterly Meeting but that a regular programmed meeting was held in March at Forest Ave. following their usual meditation period. Ralph Greene was the speaker and Walter Thomas the soloist. A tea was given by the Service Club for the women of the Forest Ave. Meeting with Cidra Lively, advocate of the Gate Association, the speaker. We hope to

strengthen the ties between the two meetings.

Sandwich: Dorothy Spaulding reported that they hold meetings during July and August only but these are well attended. She gave a cordial invitation for us to visit them.

Parsonsfield: Dorothy Bickford reported that on Easter Sunday Geo. Paul who used to be with them brought a fine message - over 30 were present. Peter Wiseman brought a fine group of young people over from N. H. and Robert Irish used the meeting house for Bible school and one concert.

Nominations: The nominating committee has the consent of the present clerks to serve one more year.

Concerns: At its monthly meeting the Durham meeting has approved consideration of Dwight Wilson as a recorded minister in the Society of Friends, as official recognition of his gift of ministry. This Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel therefore appoints the following committee to appraise the general fitness of Dwight Wilson and report to the following Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel: Robert Wehmeyer, Clarabel Marshaller and George Hutchinson. If the committee act favorably upon the matter, the clerk will present an extract from the minutes to the Quarterly Meeting. The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet 9th month 26th at Durham.

Vivian Hilton, Recording clerk.

1972

Aug. 26, Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel was held at Durham 8th month 26th, 1972. For devotions the clerk, Edith Ware, read from a Unity magazine an article "The Master Craft of Courage" by Wm L. Fisher. He stressed that courage, the foundation for other virtues, is the fortitude that gives us that inner confidence that God is on our side.

Representatives
Durham - Deane Rollins, Frances Williams, Dwight Wilson
Forest Ave - Glenice Hutchins, Carol Anthony, Beatrice Wahmeyer
Falmouth - Olive Tapley Five were present.
There were no representatives from Windham, Sandwich or Parsonsfield and no guests. 11 present.
The report of the meeting at East Parsonsfield was read and approved.

Durham Deane Rollins reported that the recent death of Harold Booker was a heavy blow to the meeting. Hazel was an active and faithful member of Ministry and Counsel on the local, quarterly and Yearly Meeting levels. Deane also mentioned the death of Ira White. Five young adults have been accepted into membership of the meeting. There is still not enough visitation by members. Dwight Wilson said that the youth group arranged a play for retirement centers. The daily vacation Bible school had a good attendance

Dwight is a drug-counselor at Brunswick and has visited the county jail, meeting with the inmates personally.

Oak St — Alvin Jaffey reported that there have been no meetings – the meeting house has not been put on the real estate market. A discussion followed – how much control should be put on the type of use to which it would be put by a prospective buyer. Oak Street hopes to do the right thing, whatever comes.

Forest Ave. Carol Cubbage — Ministry and Counsel is concerned to bring resource people from outside the meeting.

Two young couples have been married after the manner of Friends, Jean Aldrich and ~~Laurence~~ Greenberg in the Forest Ave. Meeting House and Jane Phillips and Karl Pulkkinen at a meeting for Worship held out of doors at the highest point of Lumber Ridge, Casco. Michael and Margaret Noble have been welcomed into membership in the meeting. The meeting is happy to share its worship with Oak St Friends.

One member from Forest Ave. and two from Oak St. visited the Sandwich meeting recently.

David Balfour visited the Forest Ave. meeting recently and asked that they bring concerns to the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

On 5th month 28th George Hutchinson, Clarabel Marshall and Robert Libbey visited the Durham

meeting and report favorably and unanimously that Dwight Wilson be recognized as a recorded minister of the Society of Friends. This action was approved by Ministry and Counsel and a minute will be prepared and presented to the Quarterly Meeting this afternoon. This minute should be entered on the records of Durham monthly meeting and also sent to the clerk of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

After a brief silence the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet 10th month 28th at Windham.

Vivian Hill, recording clerk.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Windham 10th month 28, 1972, with three representatives and the Clerk in attendance. The devotional period was devoted to a discussion of the purposes and functions of the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, and as to whether or not that purpose is being carried out. The discussion brought out the opinions that, basically, the gathering is for meditation, information exchanged as to the activities of the individual Monthly Meetings, interviewing prospective recorded ministers and recommendations to the business meeting as to their qualifications, encouragement and moral support of monthly meetings

in their problems. It was the feeling of the group that Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel is fulfilling its purpose.

Representatives:

Windham - Earl K. Swoatland

Forest Cor. - Carol Anthony and Beatrice Wolmeyer (They were not sure whether or not they had been name as representatives of their meeting).

There were no representatives from Durham, Oak Street, Sandwich or Parsonsfield and no guests.

The minutes of the meeting at Durham, 8th mo. 26, 1972 were read by the clerk, in the absence of the recording clerk, Vivian Hill. With two minor corrections the report was approved.

Reports: Windham: First Day meeting is fairly well attended. There is a choir and a First Day School with an average attendance of 35. They will have an offering for the specific purpose of preparing sunshine baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families in the community.

Forest Cor: Carol Anthony reported on the relationship of the Meeting to the Peace Center in Portland.

Michael and Margaret Noble continue to present their slide show in the interests of peace and the ending of the war.

Recently a Vietnam dinner was held at the Forest

Ave. Meetinghouse, by the Peace Center, at which true Viet Nam type food was served. The purpose of the meeting was to inform people regarding Viet Nam Culture and to raise money for medical aid to Indo China and to get medical supplies into North Viet Nam. At least 100 people attended the dinner and raised about $100.=.

Within the past quarter an arts and crafts show has been held and a movie about Viet Nam has been shown. Recently the Meeting has been privileged to be of service to Ada Bull, a Friend from Philadelphia, who is here with a sister who was suddenly taken seriously ill while here on a visit and is now a patient in Maine Medical Center. Friends of the Meeting are seeing to it that Ada Bull is entertained and her needs cared for in loving fashion. It was reported that within Ministry and Counsel there is a growing sense of responsibility for specific problems.

There will be a training day in Dover, N.H., sponsored by Yearly Meeting, for local Monthly Meetings, on Ministry and Counsel concerns.

It was brought to our attention that there is a shopping plaza in the planning stage, to be located at the corner of Forest Ave. and Riverside St., near Forest Ave. Meetinghouse, and which will be named "Quaker Plaza". Some objection was

expressed to this name for a commercial enterprise of that nature, but it was generally felt that no action could be taken other than individual expressions of opinion to the owner of the property.

It was suggested that each of the two meetings which have an active ministry and counsel send to the clerk of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel a list of members of that committee from which replacements for the clerk and reading clerk for 1973 will be made.

After a period of silence, meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet on First month 27, 1973 at Ack. Street - if the property has not been sold by that time.

Edith H. Ware
Clerk of Ministry and Counsel

1-27-73 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Oak St., 1st Month 27th, 1973 with 8 present.

Edith Ware, clerk, read a letter prepared by Carol Anthony, who was unable to be present, sharing current concerns of the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel. A meeting was held at Worcester 1st mo. 13th to discuss plans for Yearly Meeting 1973, "especially to deal with feelings of frustration and anger and the loneliness that some Friends experienced the past summer at Yearly Meeting. The Friends schools and racism issues were especially sensitive ones. They are seeking ways to keep communication open between different viewpoints and to make newcomers at Yearly Meeting feel at home. The letter reminded representatives present that the State of Society report from each Quarterly Meeting should be sent to the Yearly Meeting office by mid-May and also called attention to the brochure regarding the retreat at Lincoln Memorial Conference Center March 30 to April 1 - subject "Deepening our Spiritual Pilgrimage."

Representatives:

Durham — Margaret Wentworth, Ruth Graham, Lois Marshall

Forest Ave. — Mary Cyrus Wing, Beatrice Wahlbergen

Oak St. — Verian Hall

The report of the meeting held at Windham 10th mo

28th. was read and approved

Beatrice Wehmeyer was appointed to write the State of the Society of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting and to send it to the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee

Beatrice Wehmeyer spoke briefly on the visit to the meeting house and parsonage at Parsonsfield. Durham Meeting presented two memorials, one to Harold Booker and one to Ada F. Wood in loving memory of their faithful devotion and service to the meeting. Ministry and Counsel endorses these and will transmit them to the Quarterly Meeting

It was the mind of the meeting that Glenna Hutchins be asked to serve as clerk of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

Following a period of silence, meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet 4th mo. 28th at Forest Avenue

Vivian Hill, Recording Clerk.

4-28-73 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Forest Ave. Meeting House 4th mo. 28th with 12 present. For devotions the clerk, Glenice Hutchins, read the 23rd Psalm followed by a chapter "Beside the Still Waters" from "Roads to Radiant Living" by Charles L. Allen.

Representatives: Durham - Ruth Graham, Louis Marsteller, Charlotte White (alt.)
Forest Ave - Glenice Hutchins
Oak St. - Alice Topley
Sandwich - Marion Spaulding.
Windham - no representative

The records of the meeting held at Oak St. 1st mo. 27 were read and approved.

Reports Durham: Dwight Wilson will be going to Kingston, Jamaica so has resigned as pastor of the meeting. A search has begun for his replacement.

Oak Street: Alice Topley reported that first steps have been taken in the sale of the Meeting House to a church group of another denomination, the sale to be completed in from 60-90 days.

Forest Ave: Carol Anthony feels a growing sense of responsibility among members of Ministry and Counsel. On April 11-12 the meeting participated in a Chain of Prayer, sponsored by Friends United Meeting. Plans are being

made for a Retreat to be held early in June at the Burnham cottage in Raymond, Edwin Hinshaw to direct the thinking on the subject "The Bible and Personal Growth". Mary Agnes Wine stated that six members attended the week-end conference at Lincoln, Mass. Sandwich: Marion Spaulding reported that they have no regular services except during the two summer months but this year they did have a candlelight prayer service on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. This was well received and may be repeated another year. They are considering having services in June this year although Dorothy Leonard will not have returned from Florida. She also extended an invitation to the Quarterly Meeting to hold the next meeting at Sandwich, N. H.

Dwight Wilson has taken a group of young people, 5 from Durham and Glenice Hutchins' daughter Donna, to Washington this week to attend a Leadership Session Young Friends Conference on "Law and Order".

Following a period of silence the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet 8th mo 25th., perhaps at Sandwich.

Vivian Hill,
Recording Clerk

8-25-73 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends in Ministry and Counsel held at Sandwich, N. H. Meeting began 8th month 25th with ... present. In the absence of the Clerk Glenice Gutshall Vernon Hall opened the meeting with the John Greenleaf Whittier poem which describes Friends' meeting and closes with "Doing God's will as if it were my own yet trusting not in mine, but in His strength alone." A period of meditation followed

Representatives: Dunham — Louis Mansfield, Ruth Gardner
Forest Ave — Mary Agnes Wise
Oak St — Olive Tapley
Sandwich — Dorothy Conrad, Gilbert Tatem

There were no representatives from Weeden or Farmington

The records of the meeting held at Forest Ave 4th month 25th were read

Reports: Dunham — Plans between Dwight Wilson and Jamaica did not materialize and we look forward to Dwight's leaving Dunham to become assistant chaplain at Colorado College in Ohio. Ralph Grams served this meeting for six weeks but has now accepted a position with the American Friends Service Committee at Halifax N. S. Our Lord & Friend, a student at Andover Newton, is serving as pastor and with his wife and baby will

occupy the parsonage. A daily Vacation Bible school was conducted for two weeks and seemed "worthwhile". Margaret Wentworth is in Guatemala as a representative of New England Yearly Meeting to the Friends World Committee

Oct 1st. Negotiations are still pending regarding the sale of the Meeting House. Two groups have held options for several months but were unable to secure the necessary funds

Forest Ct. The retreat held at the Burnham summer home in Raymond on June and led by Edwin Hoskins was well attended. The day (from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M.) was divided into sessions for devotions for discussion and one period for fun. 6 large delegations from the meeting attended the Yearly Meeting sessions July 28 - Aug 4 at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnipesaukee, N. H.

[illegible] The meeting held a worship service at the old Quaker Meeting House at Canoe Ridge and enjoyed a picnic luncheon at the picnic grounds on the Ridge

Sandwich. Dorothea Leonard reports a growing interest and a steadily growing attendance, the average this year is 47 of which one half are young people. There have been three applications for membership

Plainfield: Pastors and School Managers have attended on four times a meeting on the basis of fellowship - only three or four were present. There is however

about the conditions of the buildings
The Orchard & Norman Cartland which visited
Richmond had prepared for the Quarterly was then taken
to read at this time. She has passed away
very Norman was then requested to do this
After a few minutes of silent meditation the
meeting was adjourned for one week to meet at
Windham 11th month 27th.
Closed with
Prayer for the day

10/27/73 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on
Ministry and Counsel held at Windham 10th mo 27th
with 8 present
The clerk, Glenna Hutchins opened the meeting
by reading the 100th psalm followed by a brief
period of silent meditation. She spoke briefly
on what the words "born again" should mean
in her family life
Representatives - Forest Ave. Frances York and Beatrice Wahrenger
were present but not appointed by their Monthly Meeting
Falmouth Monthly Meeting - Alice Tapley
Windham - Earl Swetland
There was no representation from Durham,
Sandwich or Paramount
The report of the meeting held 8th mo 25th at
Sandwich N. H. was read and approved

Reports

At Forest Ave. a series of evening programs recommended by Monthly and Quarterly is being held at the home of Alice Ingley. The first meeting dealt with Quaker Worship and the second with the Beginning of Quakerism

At Windham following the summer recess the Bible school is returning and the choir has resumed its place of the morning worship service. Belmont Monthly Meeting is waiting for "the Bible Speaks, Inc" to finalize the sale of the Meeting House before reconvening the liaison committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting. Beatrice Wehmeyer reports that a powerful a group from the community, not from the meeting, has felt a concern about the condition of the property and has made the inside of the meeting house quite attractive with clean windows, new shades and curtains, recovered cushions for the seats and a new oil stove. The church was opened for one Sunday & welcomed as former pastor & he spoke to a large audience and Gathering. We have a report from the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel expressing concern:

1 Our allegiance to Jesus

2 Changing sex roles in society, changing moral values and changing family life

3 Membership and Concerning members

The Yearly Meeting committee offered to send speakers to any meeting for the purpose of discussing these concerns.

Earl Leatherbee expressed a concern on the subject of a state lottery which comes to vote on Nov. 6th. It was approved that this matter be brought to the attention of this business meeting later in the day and that each one be urged to cast his ballot on that day. Group discussion put in a plea for each donation to the Maine Lung League in its fight against the lottery.

After a quiet period the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Durham first month 26th, 1974.

Vivian Holt, Recording Clerk

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Durham 1st month 26, 1974 with fifteen present.

Following silent meditation the clerk, Glenice Hutchins, read selections from the London Handbook for Elders and Overseers.

The report of the meeting held at Windham 12th mo. 27th was read and approved.

Representatives: Durham - Mary Curtis, Louis Mountaller
Forest Cove - Harold Burnham, Marylynne Winn
Falmouth Monthly Meeting sent no representatives

although two members were present. There were no members from Wrentham Sandwich or Farmington

Reports. Harold Burnham reported that the second series of evening programs, a study group recommended by Ministry and Counsel, was poorly attended, seven or eight being the top attendance. An effort is being made to fuse friends in Falmouth Monthly Meeting and the Forest Ave Meeting into a single meeting. Forest Ave is disturbed by non-attendance and an effort is being made to reach several families who were formerly quite regular attenders.

Alice Tapley reported the report that the Oak St Meeting house was sold 11th mo 9 1973 to "The Bible Speaks", that the Leaver committee and one made of members appointed by each monthly meeting had already met to make plans for a new meeting if the Quarterly Meeting approves the plan. Alice also expressed appreciation for the great help Lorena Marshall, has given to the Monthly Meetings and for his faithful attendance at the committee meetings.

Beatrice Wehmeyer reported that no monthly meetings have been held at Farmington and suggested that the Quarterly Meeting may have to consider once more a suggestion to lay down the meeting.

In the election 11th mo. 6th. efforts to prevent the passage of a state lottery bill failed.

Glenna Hutchins read a memorial to Marian

P. Cartland. Prepared by Forest Ave Meeting, this loving tribute was approved and will be presented at the Quarterly Meeting and then sent to the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting

* Sections of a letter from Elizabeth Chauncey brought greetings to all who remembered her.

The action in progress for establishing a new Monthly Meeting in Portland will be discussed at the business meeting of Quarterly Meeting. Ralph Greene has been engaged to serve as a ministerial helper - a suitable title for him has not been chosen.

Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel is furnishing for distribution copies of London Yearly Meeting book of Faith and Practice.

We note with pleasure the presence of Eric Lund, presently serving as pastor of the Durham Meeting, and welcome him in his work among Friends.

A moment of silence and the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet 4th month 27th with Farmington Forest Ave

Turner L. Hall, Recording Clerk.

* In memory of Marian Cartland a group of children gave books for the children's division of the Burbank section of Portland Public Library.

4/21/74 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Forest Ave 4th month 27th, 1974 with seventeen present.

For devotions the clerk, Glenna Hutchins, read Queries for Ministry and Counsel, followed by a period of meditation. She also read a long poem learned and sung with appreciation by her third grade pupils.

The report of the meeting held 1st month 26th at Durham was read and approved.

Representatives Durham - Ruth Graham and Louis Marstaller
Portland - Barbara Woodbury
Sanford - Marion Spaulding - Evelyn Wallace
There was no representative from Pownalboro or Windham

Reports Ruth Graham reported that on Good Friday a joint meeting for worship was held with the Durham Congregational Church. Also a special service was held on Easter Sunday. Clarabel Marstaller, recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land, shared some of her experiences and then slides with the meeting. Melton and Freda Hadley were welcomed by the meeting while they were visiting the Marstaller families.

Barbara Woodbury reported that the new meeting - The Portland Friends Meeting - which is the fusion of (Oak Street) Falmouth Monthly Meeting

and Forest Ave Meeting - is in a state of flux with some structured and some unprogrammed meetings for worship but she added, "With patience we will achieve what we are striving for" The chain of prayer which was started on March was well participated in by members of the meeting.

Sandwich Marion Spaulding introduced her sister Evelyn Wallace, who with her husband has recently come to Tamworth to build their retirement home. Dorothea Howard will not be their leader so summer plans for the meeting are undecided.

Carol Anthony reporting for N. E. Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel announced a worship sharing week end to be held at Woolman Hill in May sponsored by the Yearly Meeting and led by John Yungblut. She also called attention to the questionaire on membership which is being sent out by the committee

Parrsfield Beatrice Wehmeyer reported that Louis Mandtaller and Carlton Anthony visited friends in the area as had been suggested by the Quarterly Meeting. There will be a meeting for Worship at Parrsfield on first day 4th month 2nd and on the following first day will be held a monthly meeting.

Louis Mandtaller reported that Yearly Meeting feels that we have a tendency to hold on tight and is sending out a list of suggestions for our

consideration. They suggest the use of signs giving directions to the meeting house, listing of time and place of worship in the papers and hotels and newspaper articles.

A period of silent worship, then the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet in 5th month

Vivian S Hill Recording Clerk

5-24-74 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Sandwich, N.H. on Eighth month, twenty-fourth, 1974 with seven present.

The Clerk read the first three queries for ministry and counsel which was followed by quiet worship.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Durham monthly meeting was the only meeting to send a list of representatives These were Ruth Graham and Margaret Hentworth. Both were present.

Baldwin Atkinson and Evelyn Wallace represented Sandwich and Beatrice Hannaga represented Portland.

A memorial to O Raymond Hare was read. This was approved to be sent on to the business meeting.

Reports

Durham reported that a Daily Vacation Bible School was held during the summer.

Sandwich reported carrying on meetings for worship even though Dorothea Leonard was unable to be with them this summer. The meetings have begun with hymn singing and prayer, then followed by a silent worship. The feeling is that they are perhaps more spiritually alive because of the dependence upon themselves for worship.

Robert Hekmeyer reported that at Farmington an effort has been made to open the church building each Sunday. Monthly meeting is held on the third Sunday with a small attendance. The parsonage has been sold and the money will be put into a fund for the upkeep of the church.

In Portland a young friend,

Thomas Purdie served as a kind of coordinator of the carriage service for Six Creeks. He has now gone to Philadelphia to a new position and Portland Friends are searching for a person to act as our Religious Secretary. A retreat has been planned for next month, 3rd at Rockcliff Lodge in Selago. Plans on the topic; "Are We Running Our Lives?" Some discussion was offered on the possibility of having a pastor with Friends.

A suggestion was made that the meeting be held at Parsonfield corresponds to those held at Quaker Ridge Camp. This would be an opportunity for members of the Quarterly Meeting to give encouragement to our friends in Parsonfield. It was approved to bring this concern to the business meeting.

Following a period of silence, meeting adjourned, purposing to meet on Sunday for eighth month.

Horace C. Nutter, Clerk

10-26-74 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Windham 10th mo. 26th 1974 with 6 present.

For devotions the clerk, Glenice Hutchins, read a message which Jane Hawkes had written to her more than ten years ago. This was taken from the book "The Greatest Thing in the World" by Henry Drummond and stressed that we should all guard against a "touchy disposition."

The report of the meeting held 8th mo. 24th at Sandwich, N. H. was read and approved.

Roll call Representatives from Portland Meeting - Alice Tapley
Durham - Alice Goddard

Reports: At Durham Eric Lund is moving back to Michigan. Supplies are serving now while the meeting is seeking a regular pastor. attendance is irregular but there is an active young friends group. For Portland Meeting Alice Tapley reported that they are still struggling to find a common ground of unity between the two groups. An ad has been placed in the Friends Journal and in Quaker Life in search of a person to serve as Executive Secretary. Twenty seven adults attended the retreat at Rockcraft Lodge 9th month 22nd with Virginia and Philip Towle as leaders, and Jack Hayden from Springvale as the inspirational leader of group singing.

As a concern Alice Goddard expressed her feelings about our young people. "Do we really try to interest them or do we merely urge them to take an interest in us and our meetings?" On that note the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at Durham 1st month 25th, 1975.

Vivian Hill, Recording Clerk

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Counsel held at Forest Avenue Meeting House of Portland Friends Meeting 4th mo. 26th, 1975 with 14 present. The Clerk, Glenn Hutchins, for devotions read from Elizabeth Gray Vining's book

Louis Marstaller gave an oral report of the meeting held 1st mo. 25th at Durham. The Clerk was ill, the recording clerk delayed, but four handy souls and Louis Marstaller from Durham held a brief meeting and present this suggestion - that the meeting on Ministry and Counsel be an open meeting with a prepared subject for discussion.

Roll call Representatives from Sandwich - Marion Spaulding and Evelyn Wallace

Durham - Louis Marstaller and Ruth Graham

Portland - Alice Tapley

Sandwich Meeting has not been open during the summer months but hopes to open this Meeting

House for Services during July and August.
Peter Chrysdale spoke about the local garden program and food conservation being sponsored by the Durham Meeting.
Alice Tapley mentioned the programs being held for an hour after the meeting for worship at Portland Meeting. Recently Kathleen Egan's subject was adult foster care
Beatrice Wehmeyer, speaking for Parsonsfield, said that the clerk was hoping to meet soon with Rev. Dana Bitterly from Cornish with the possibility of a programmed meeting this summer.
The Wehmeyers have met for Worship with Mary and John Woodman, the Haydens and a few others from Springvale
A letter was read from the recording clerk asking that some one be found to replace her but this matter was postponed to a later meeting so that more time might be given to the guest speaker.
Elmer Brown, Executive Secretary of the Cambridge Meeting, and his wife Lois were present and Elmer Brown spoke on The Queries, beginning with those written in 1701, queries for Monthly Meeting, for Ministry and Counsel and for children. He stressed the fact that the Queries are a vital part of our religious memory and that our religious experience is a search for that of God

reaction and the Inner Light to be followed.
The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet
8th mo. 23rd, 1975

Vivian Hill, recording clerk

8/23/75 No meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held when Falmouth Quarterly Meeting was held at Londonderry, N.H. 8th mo 23rd. At the business meeting in the afternoon the problem of Ministry and Counsel was discussed and it was approved that two members from each meeting in the Quarter would be appointed as a Ministry and Counsel committee, to meet at their convenience and to be representatives to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

1/26/76 Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met in Durham to discuss the role of the newly formed committee.

Members of the committee for one year are

Glenice Hutchins, clerk } Portland
Selah Richmond
Margaret Hentworth } Durham
Ruth Graham
Ramona Geringer } Windham
Kathryn Forbes

Three suggestions were taken to the business meeting.

1) Pursue a project to help us interest the young Friends in our meetings.
2) A sharing of ministries among monthly meetings of the Quarter.
3) Set up a meeting or program to discuss the meaning of membership and/or Friends' beliefs.

Glenice C. Hutchins, clerk

4/21/72 Through the efforts of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Andrew Grannell, N.E.Y.M. Young Friends Worker presented a program at Portland Friends Meetinghouse.

A program for adults to give them some Guidelines for working with young Friends was held in the morning. In afternoon he worked directly with young Friends

We were disappointed that no young Friends from any meeting other than Durham were present.

Glenice C. Hutchens

10/30/72 Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel arranged a panel discussion on the pamphlet from Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel titled Growth in the Light Through the Stress of Family Life at Windham.

Several interesting comments were on death and dying, divorce, & swap single. It was felt that the Guides might be controversial yet they helped

each of us to try to be more understanding of those undergoing some form of stress.

The panel discussion was a success

Glenice C. Hutchins

Council Meeting, Ministry and Counsel met at Pat Wood to elect a clerk and discuss a theme for Quarterly Meeting programs for the remainder of the year.

Members appointed for one year are:

Ramona Moore, Clerk } Windham
Kathryn Forbes
Mary Curtis } Durham
John Curtis
Mary Mohler } Portland

Discussion of possible themes for programs resulted in the topic of Ministry. This will be proposed to the business meeting for approval. Ministry can include, Nurturing the

Spiritual Life, Social Concerns and Outreach.

Ernest Thed from Vassalborough was welcomed as a guest.

Peter Ingdale brought up the possibility of a retreat to be held in the Brunswick Bath area for members of both Vassalborough Quarter and Falmouth Quarter. The matter will be referred to the business meeting.

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet in Durham, 4th month 19 at 10:00

Renice Hutchins, acting clerk

4-22-78 Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Durham. Meeting opened with the reading of the 3rd Query for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel.

Present were:

Durham: Mary Curtis
John Curtis - Present

Parsonsfield:

Portland: Mary Mahler

Windham: Romona Morse - Present

Guests: Loring K. Teale - Windham
Peter Crysdale - Durham
Lewis Marstaller - Durham

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Peter Crysdale said that the retreat mentioned at the last meeting will have to be postponed until Fall hoping that Lewis Bowen can be the leader.

Next Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich, N.H. with no ministry & counsel meeting and unplanned program.

Approved having a program at Oct. Quarterly Meeting on Women Alcoholics which includes a 1-Act Play entitled "Lady on the Rocks" by Windham Community Theater.

Suggested we work on more inter-visitation between Quarterly Meetings.

Suggested the possibility of a bus tour of N.E. Quaker Churches.

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.

Ramona L. Moore, Clerk

Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Windham. Meeting opened with reading of 1st Query for meetings on Ministry and Counsel.

Present; Windham = Ramona L. Moore
Kathryn Forbes
Durham = John Curtis
Portland = Tracey Booth
Ina Weymeyer

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Discussion of possible programs for next Quarterly Meeting in Portland in January. Possibility of Representative from the American Friends Service Committee being in this area; Middle East problems is also an area of interest.

There is concern for our Quarterly Meeting to sponsor a Retreat - possibly in the spring.

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet at Durham before the next Quarterly Meeting in January.

Ramona L. Moore, Clerk

1-27-79 Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Portland. Meeting opened with reading of 2nd Querie for meetings on Ministry and Counsel.

Present: Windham = Ramona L. Moore
Portland = Mary Mohler
Guests: Louie Marstaller, Clarabelle Marstaller, Glenice Hutchins, Margaret Wentworth, Vivian Woodbury, Ira Wine

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Discussion of Retreat:
Possible Places = Rockcraft Lodge, China Camp
Possible Subjects = Hospice (Cushman Anthony)
Peace Fund (Peace and Social
Peace-Making (Concerns Committee
Children's Program (Mike Carter)
Time Period = One day suggested
Guests = Suggested inviting Vassalboro Mtly. Meeting

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet at 10:00 am before next Quarterly Meeting in April.

Ramona L. Moore, Clerk

11-27-77 Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Windham Meeting opened with the reading of a poem by Thomas Blake entitled "Begin the Day with God"

Present: Windham - Ramona L. Moore
Durham - John Curtis
Portland - Mary Mohler

Guests: Margaret Wentworth
Mary Curtis
Clarice Hutchins
Vivian Woodbury
Edith Ware

Discussion re possible programs for the Quarterly Meetings in Portland (January) and Durham (April)

Suggestions: Hospice (Chairman Anthony speaker)
Environment Problems
- Solar by Law Student who has studied this problem
- Speakers from Audubon Society re: other environmental problems

Suggest we bring up problems of combining Quarterly and Yearly Meetings because of gas shortage problems

Adjourned purposing to meet at 10 am before the next Quarterly Meeting in January

Ramona L. Moore, Clerk

5-3-80 Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Winthrop. Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Present: Windham - Kathryn Forbes, Ramona Moore
Durham - John Curtis
Portland - Tracy Booth

Guests: Louie & Clarabel Marstaller
Ray Stone
Glenice Hutchins
Sharon Jordan

Discussion re: new Lewiston Meeting proposal
Proper procedure if approved - send copy of minute to Lewiston Meeting + to Sylvia Perry, Clerk of N.E. Yearly Meeting. Appoint committee to help with organization

Discussion re: our responsibility to the Parsonsfield Meeting - possibility to hold a Quarterly Meeting there?

Discussion re: holding 4 Quarterly Meetings per year (Aug. 24th - Sandwich and Oct. 25th Windham have been approved) General feeling toward continuing 4 meetings. Suggestion that we hold meetings on Sundays met with approval. Suggested 1 pm - Ministry & Counsel Meeting; 1:30 pm - Business Meeting with dessert & coffee being furnished after business meeting. Also suggested -

Quarterly Meeting could worship with host meeting in the morning - bag lunches could be brought & a social time could be shared before the business meeting. Suggestion also made to have 2 Quarterly Meetings each year with 2 or 3 Meetings helping with program and possibly a combined meeting each year with another Quarterly Meeting.

Discussion re: Retreat put aside

John Curtis & Kathryn Forbes appointed as committee to get new clerk for Ministry & Counsel.

Adjourned purposing to meet at the next Quarterly Meeting in Sandwich.

Ramona L. Moore, Clerk

29 Aug. 1982 Newsletter

Memo: Falmouth Ltr.

Ministry & Counsel

attempt to increase perception of importance of 2 Mtgs Function in M&C.

Important to send an agenda ahead to MMs.

Agenda for Fall Qtr Agreed upon:

1. Report from MMs on state of Meeting; special problems

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Memo:

2. Function as clearing house for speakers for mtgs, arrangements for retreat
3. Schedule visitations

M & C will meet at 10:00 a.m. & continue over lunch, if necessary.

Lois Wagner agreed to serve as M&C clerk.

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10-30-82 Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Brentham

Discussion re: current State of Mind and any special concerns.
It was suggested that the committee to study the state of Brentham MM, appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting, continue to explore the situation. The committee could write to the 27 members of the Meeting to ascertain their opinions as to whether the meeting should be continued. The results of the contact with members will be put into effect next spring.
Ramona Moore presented a concern facing Brentham MM: the decline in youth attendance over the years.

Discussion re. speakers and/or programs for Quarterly Meetings. It was suggested that Quarterly Meeting seek the services of Elizabeth Terry for programs

which would stimulate the interest of young Friends in Quarterly Meeting.

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet at 10 A.M. before the next Quarterly Meeting.

Peter Jones, Clerk pro tem

Attending:

Arthur DeLoach	Durham
Louis Marstaller	
Margaret Wentworth	
Ramona Moore	Windham
Margaret + Kingsley Strout	
Tracy Booth	Portland
Lyle Bond	Brunswick
Nancy Massanare	Waterboro
Peter Jones	Lewiston

1-30-83 Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Portland. Meeting opened with silence.

Attending Nancy Massanari, Waterboro MM; Peter Jonitis Clerk Falmouth Quarter; Margaret Wentworth, Vivian Woodbury, Arthur DeLoach, Durham MM; Tom Ewell Field Sec NEYM; Ramona Moore, Susan Attwood, Windham MM; Mary Mohler, Virginea Phillips, Portland MM; Lois Wagner, Lewiston MM

Clerk Lois Wagner brought the issue of visits to Monthly Meetings by committee members. The suggestion had been made at the committee meeting in August 1982 that this be a goal of the committee. Peter Jonitis asked what the committee saw as the purpose of visitations. Other members responded that communication, sharing of concerns and airing of Monthly Meeting problems would be desired results.

Those attending volunteered to visit

Monthly Meetings as follows within the ensuing quarter:

Sandwich Peter Jonitis
Portland Lois Wagner
Windham Lois Wagner
Lewiston Virginea Phillips
Brunswick M.G.: Nancy Massanari
Peaks Island M.G.: Mary Mohler
Durham:
Waterboro. Ramona Moore

Members agreed to bring to the Committee any issues of concern which arose from their visits.

Tom Ewell announced that Yearly Meeting plans to develop a list of Monthly Meeting Contacts. He asked that Monthly Meetings make sure he has names of officers and Committee clerks or contacts for this list.

The letter sent to members of Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting regarding the future of the Meeting has elicited nine responses of 26 questionnaires sent. We will wait until next Meeting for more replies before proceeding.

The next item before the Committee was the planning for a Quarterly

Meeting retreat in the spring. A concern was raised that retreats should not be held simply out of habit or tradition but should have a definite purpose. Several members expressed the feeling that the kind of informal fellowship amongst attenders makes an important contribution to the spiritual well-being of the Quarter.

It was the sense of the committee that the retreat should be held and that the sharing of responsibility would make it a more pleasant and happy event. Tom will find a coordinator and will work closely with the committee on program.

The meeting was adjourned purposing to meet again at Lois Wagner's home on 21 February.

Lois Wagner, Clerk

2-21-83 Meeting on Ministry and Counsel at home of Lois Wagner, in Lewiston. Meeting opened with silence.

Attending: Peter Jonitis, Clerk 7QM; Margaret Kentworth, Durham MM; Mary Mohler Portland MM; Ramona Moore, Susan Attwood, Windham MM; Tom Ewell, Field Sec. NEYM; Jean Fine, retreat coordinator.

The meeting had, as its major purpose, the discussion of preliminary plans for a retreat. Jean Fine has agreed to coordinate the retreat-planning.

It was determined to hold the retreat at Chena Camp on 6-18-83. Camp will be open Friday evening for anyone wishing to arrive early. Committee members were urged to be there Friday evening.

The retreat topic decided upon was Ministry. Brian Drayton will be invited to lead the discussion. Quarterly Meeting will pay travel and expenses.

The schedule was tentatively

Set as follows.

10 - 11:30 Worship and games
11:30 - 1 Lunch
1 - 1:30 Presentation
1:30 - 2:15 Workshops
2:15 - 2:30 Reconvene
2:30 - 5 Free time
5 - 6 Picnic supper

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet at Durham.

Lois Allwyn, Clerk

4-30-83 Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Durham.

After a period of silence, those attending shared experiences from their Monthly Meetings.

Jean Fine indicated that plans for the retreat in June are progressing satisfactorily. Members of the committee were urged to attend Friday evening, 6-17, so that final plans can be made. All attenders will be asked to bring food contributions so that we may share lunch. Jean Fine will arrange for Friday supper.

Brunswick Worship Group has applied for recognition. Lois Wagner, Carolyn Houghton and Glenice Hutchens will visit and bring a recommendation to Quarterly Meeting in August.

No more replies to the questionnaire on Parsonsfield MM. have been received. There was not a sense of the meeting after considerable discussion. Therefore, it was determined that we should meet again on this issue on 6-17 at China Camp, hoping to have a resolution to present to Quarterly

Meeting in August.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet 6-17.

Lois Cloagner, Clerk

6-17-83 Committee on Ministry and Counsel met at China Camps. The meeting opened with silence.

Attending Ramona Moore, Windham; Nancy Massanari, Waterboro; Virginia Phillips, Mary Mohler, ~~Portland~~ Gordon Harris, Portland; Peter Jonitis, Clerk, Falmouth 2M; Tom Ewell, Field Sec NEYM; Brian Drayton, retreat leader; Lois Wagner, Lewiston.

Discussion of Saturday's retreat schedule was held. It determined to ask attenders for written comments on the retreat to aid in next year's planning.

Considerable discussion followed regarding Parsonsfield MM. A sense of the meeting was reached, however; the committee will present a recommendation to Quarterly Meeting that Parsonsfield MM be laid down, in accordance with the procedure in New England YM Faith and Practice. Margaret Wentworth will be asked to provide background to aid the Quarterly Meeting in its deliberation.

Adjourned purposing to meet at Sandwich.

Lois Chagnes, Clerk

8-28-83 Meeting of Committee on Ministry and Counsel at Sandwich opened with silence

Attending: Margaret Wentworth, Ruth Graham, Durham; Kimball Ayers, Mary Comyns, Linda Jenkins, Daniel Perkins, Sally Perkins, Ctr Sandwich M.G.; Evelyn Wallace, Marion Spaulding, Baldura Tatum, Evelyn York, N. Sandwich; Robert Hehmeyer, ~~Waterboro~~ Beatrice Hehmeyer, Waterboro; Linda Griffiths, Lois Wagner Lewiston; Peter Jonitis, Clerk Falmouth 2tr; Tom Ewell, Field Sec. NEYM; Marian Baker, Dover, NH, MM Clerk.

A brief discussion of the retreat at China Camp brought positive comments, among which was the good publicity such a meeting provides for China Camp.

The Committee approved bringing a recommendation of recognition of Brunswick M.G. as a Monthly Meeting to Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee approved bringing the proposal to lay down Parsonfield

MM to Quarterly Meeting.

"The Committee on Ministry and Counsel of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting recommends to the Meeting that Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting be laid down, as it has become clear that there are no longer people or means to support a Monthly Meeting. We further recommend that the procedure suggested in New England Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice be followed, that is, that "such action should not become final until adopted by the Quarterly Meeting in at least one of its regular sessions in each of three successive years." This recommendation comes to you after lengthy and prayerful consideration and years of diligent effort to improve the state of the Meeting in Parsonsfield by the Quarterly Meeting"

Peter Jonitis mentioned that Ralph Green may have a proposal for reviving Parsonsfield Meeting with a grant from FUM. The Committee agreed to request a specific proposal from Ralph for our information,

expressing our concern that such an effort entirely from outside the MM has little chance of success and ignores the experience and effort of many Concerned Friends over the past 20 years.

A discussion followed, facilitated by Tom Ewell, on the relationship between N. Sandwich MM and Center Sandwich WG. A further meeting will be held following meeting for worship on 9-18-83 to focus on membership in N. Sandwich MM.

Lois Wagner announced her resignation as clerk. She will take responsibility for setting an agenda and sending notices of Ministry and Counsel meeting in October, at which time the Committee will select a new clerk.

Adjourned porposing to meet at Windham.

Lois Clayton, Clerk

10-27-83 Meeting of Committee on Ministry & Council met at Windham.

Attending: Ramona Moore, Susan Attwood, Windham; Mary Mohler, Gordon Harris, Portland; Bob and Beatrice Stehmeyer, Mary and John Woodman, Waterboro; Mary Curtis, Arthur McLeach, Durham; Marion Spaulding, Phyllis French, Marcan and John Houston B. Kimball and Jean Ayers, N. Sandwich and Center Sandwich Worship Group.

Discussion concerning the need for a new clerk produced no results.

A dictation sheet was passed and signed as follows:

Peaks Island: Peter Jonitis
Portland: Lois Wagner
Brunswick: Mary Mohler
Durham: Ramona Moore / Susan Attwood
Lewiston:
Windham: Nancy Massanari
Waterboro:
N Sandwich: Peter Jonitis
Ctr. Sandwich: Bob & Bea Stehmeyer, Phyllis French, Marion Spaulding,

Miriam & John Scanton Kim & Jean Ayers,
Margaret Stout.

Monthly Meeting representatives will bring contacts for a directory which Tom Ewell will prepare.

In response to a request by East Saanich Monthly Meeting, the Committee approved the following minute for submission to Quarterly Meeting:

The Quarterly Meeting recognizes that it is appropriate for members of East Saanich Monthly Meeting or of Meetings within the Quarter to make efforts on behalf of the Monthly Meeting; however, the Quarter has no further special responsibility for the Monthly Meeting aside from our concern to reconsider on each of two years the small a laying down the Meeting, until final resolution.

Concerns have been raised about North Saanich Meeting about conduct of business on a regular basis, the attendance of committees especially finance and Nominating, and the prompt attention to requests for membership.

Clerk read appropriate sections from

Faith and Practice and invited comments from representatives of North Sandwich MM and Center Sandwich Worship Group. The Committee urged the Monthly Meeting to establish a pattern of regular meetings for business, citing both social and practical advantages for the MM. Clerk urged the two groups to consider together their mutual concerns, and to stay open to new ways of dealing with growth and change. Committee requested that N. Sandwich MM keep us informed of progress toward these goals.

Clerk stated that retreat planning should begin, and recommended strongly that a coordinator again be found. There was not time for further discussion.

Committee approved, after brief discussion, a minute for submission to Quarterly Meeting:

Monthly Meetings are urged to provide for child care at Quarterly Meetings. This would enable parents of young children to attend QM and would, as well, be valuable

experience for the children
The Meeting adjourned,
purposing to meet at Portland in
January.

Lois Wagner
Clerk

1-29-84

Dear Lois,

After waiting from 8:45 - 9:15 for someone to unlock the door at Portland Meeting, we finally started Ministry & Counsel!

I announced that we would convene until finished with all agenda - & we did - 11:00 a.m.! We had silence before & after meeting, however.

I gave attendance sheet to Tom Ewell who is going to make up list of resource people.

Monthly Meeting reports:

Center Sandwich & North Sandwich seem to have a much more peaceful situation - very encouraging (read the letters)

Windham is looking for material on Quaker history understandable for Sunday School age & are working on their church history - much help & response from other members

Waterboro - started new series for their Sunday School - "I Am A Friend"

Durham - expanding nursery & new members coming in

Portland - found out the importance of sharing sorrow as well as joy with their members. They have problem re: Sunday School & Church hours. Regular service now at 10 a.m.

Lewiston - from 9 to 11 members with many college students attending part time - termed young, dynamic meeting

Parsonsfield - attempted a few 2:30 pm meetings (Sun.) with various speakers but attendance of 3-5 people & very much un-coordinated. If they attempt more, should Ministry & Counsel step in to help coordination & communication problems?

Brunswick - no representative. This concerns us because as new group, they should have outside support.

As no one volunteered to Clerk Ministry & Counsel, appointed Art Deloache & Sue Wood from Durham to fund Clerk - suggested Durham should have "turn" at this next - especially as largest member of our group.

Re: Retreat:

Nancy Marsonami(?) will coordinate children's program & hopefully someone from Waterboro will aid her in coordinating "whole" retreat.

Dates: June 15th, 16th (& possibly 17th if enough interest.)

Theme Suggestion: Maine & N.H. Quaker history - well known Quakers who have visited this area - & how do we continue this history into our present day?

Read letter from Yearly Mtg. Ministry & Counsel re: visitation among all N.E. meetings & people who are "called" to do this. Suggested we send copy to each monthly meeting - gave to Mary Mohler & Tom Ewell to copy & distribute.

Tom Ewell brought many books & pamphlets for members to take home (& also yearly meeting books.)

16 people stuck out the whole meeting - some sitting on children's chairs. They seemed to be glad we got thru all agenda even tho they missed worship service.

At lunch, found someone from Brunswick & tried to explain importance of sending representative to Ministry & Counsel. He was George Peck, Box 2084 RD2 Brunswick, Me. 04011

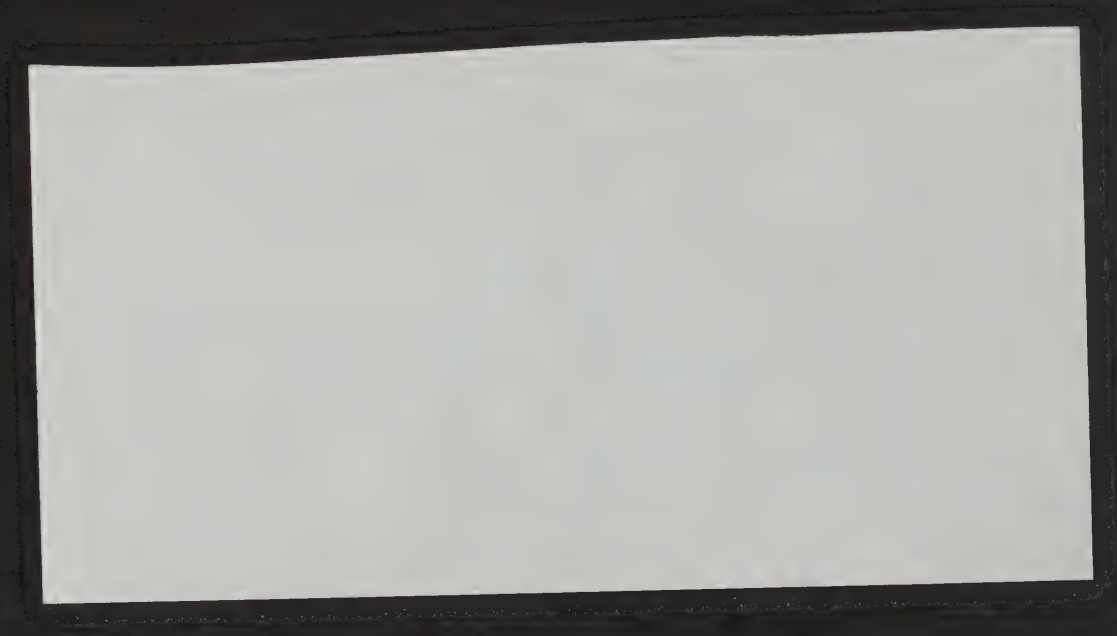
I'll bring your book & papers to next meeting in Durham, where hopefully we can hand them over to the new Clerk!

I hope all is going well with you & your family - our thoughts are with you.

With Love,

Ramona

P.S. I forgot something! The members felt that as Marion Spaulding not only answered your letter, but also followed through on all suggestions, it would be nice to send her a thank you note. The Center Sandwich folks seemed to think she was sincerely trying to change - and to conduct the meeting better-business-wise.



Ministry & Counsel April 29 | Mail to Lois

Tom Gill asked that Durham find a clerk.
Durham M+C felt the workcamp page did not fit the Clerk

* Request each monthly meeting appoint at least one to Quarterly Meeting M+C and as alternate when needed (before August)

* Request the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee find a person to be clerk of M+C

August 26 Meeting Clerk: Nancy Masamori

Che-Camp retreat June 6+7
Nancy Masamori presented plans for the retreat
Next retreat meeting for Friday evening meal
Organize carpool arrangements Potter
Next topic

Watershed meetings are showing with real vitality
[illegible]

Friends are visiting different meetings in the quarter. Ralph Great Falls Harris visit Parsonfield occasionally
Durham 3 new members Ralph Steere will stay another year Beginning a new group in addition to the Bonnie Group
Brunswick 6 new members by transfer
Active Study group every 2 weeks

SVC

Bacon wish – will focus on the meaning of
Nativity + Advent
Pollard: A limited new attention
Lenten + Eastertide growing

4-29-84 Ministry and Counsel Committee met at Durham.

Attending: Lois Wagner, Linda Griffiths, Lewiston; Nancy Massanari, Beatrice Hehmeyer, Robert Hehmeyer, Waterboro; Susan Wood, Peter Jonitis, Durham; Jean Fine, Mary Mohler, Portland; Carolyn Houghton, Brunswick

Durham Meeting Ministry and Counsel reported that their meeting did not feel it was proper for them to provide a Clerk for Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, especially as both Clerk and Recording Clerk of Quarterly Meeting are members of Durham M.M. The committee requested, therefore, that the Nominating Committee be requested to find a Clerk for Ministry and Counsel. Also, each meeting was requested to appoint a representative and alternate to Ministry and Counsel, to insure that all meetings are represented.

Clerk pro tempore for next Quarterly Meeting is Nancy Massanari.

Nancy Massanari presented plans for the China Camp retreat on June 8 and 9. Brunswick will tentatively host the evening meal on Friday evening.

Reports were received from Monthly Meetings.

The meeting adjourned, purposing to meet in Lewiston on 26 August.